

Barclay, Julia Ann, 1813-1908. Correspondence - Incoming. From Selina Huntington Campbell. 1855.



Bethany June 8<sup>th</sup>/55

Miss Sarah G.

My Dear Sister—

Your very welcome letter with the accompanying Extract & drawing have been gratefully received. It has been read by many persons with much pleasure—You certainly excel in description—Mr Pendleton is an excellent judge and he praised it highly—Mr Campbell read it carefully and of course was abundant in his expressions of its interest—You must allow me to give it to the public as I am sure it will <sup>be</sup> perused with great zest—Do not for a moment consider me given to flattery. <sup>I am</sup> entirely free from it—I never or seldom pass a compliment unless I feel more than I say—

Please present my thanks to your kind Mother, for the very precious flowers from the beloved spots which she sent—Oh! how they do awaken such associations



of thought that language fails to give utterance  
to - Also please give Mr C - Thanks and  
kind remembrances to your brother for the  
pair of the precious Oak - the very mention  
of stirs up a veneration within us - Virginia  
too wishes to be affectionately remembered to you  
and her thanks given for the specimens of  
Turkish ornaments - I have quite a  
collection of articles to exhibit to my friends  
putting the foregoing articles mentioned with  
those that our good Mrs Picket brought me  
The brought Decime - pair of the Turkish  
Lippus you refer to in your notices - we can  
easily imagine from looking at those what  
must have been your difficulty in ~~carrying~~ <sup>shipping</sup>  
along - they are very handsomely embroidered and  
I presume are of the finest kind -

Enclosed I send you a selection I cut out of  
an English News-paper sent to us the other day  
You will <sup>see</sup> from that they are making inroads  
upon their Customs -

Our Meeting at Bethany  
is drawing near to hand - I could <sup>wish</sup> with all



my heart - that one and all of your family  
could participate in it - We expect several  
of our good speaking brethren from a distance  
Bro Coleman has promised to come if possible  
We have at present with a very excellent pious  
young sister from Eastern Va - Miss Mary Pendleton  
She says she saw you on the cars - but that you  
do not know her - She & Virginia send their love  
wholesale to you and the rest of the family -  
Including of course your brothers - I am not altogether  
certain however that they are young gentlemen - but  
presume they are or one at least verging that  
way - You may tell them that I have always had a  
missionary spirit - and that if I had daughters im-  
bued with the same mind I would have no  
objection to their becoming sojourners in that  
Ancient country - I have often said so in days that  
are past - But I am too tedious and wearisome  
I shall be happy to hear from you at any time  
I should have gotten Virginia to have written  
to you at this time but she has been more  
than usually engaged - The young ladies of  
Bethany have united together in getting



a Banner for one of the Societies to  
be presented in due form at their  
annual meeting at the last of this  
Month Virginia has been elected the prominent  
actor in the matter so that it has engaged  
her somewhat in attending to the matter  
The Banner is made in your City and  
I presume will be quite a handsome one  
Virginia made the selections to be put on  
and gave the directions respecting it —  
We have a fine number of young Gentlemen  
at College — I presume there is more talent  
than ever was here before at the same time  
Indeed I think I might say that I do not  
suppose there could be found among  
College more talent & worth according to  
the number anywhere — I wish you dear  
Sarah could be here on the occasion —  
Mr C. has great care and love for them but  
the charge with all his other duties is almost  
too much — his health is very delicate this Spring  
He is better however since we returned from our  
visit to Chicago — Give our united love to you

your most sincere friend  
J. D. Caldwell



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Mingo Hick Dec 1<sup>st</sup>/55

My very Dear Sister Barclay—

It was truly with great pleasure that I received your very affectionate & most welcome letter— It was handed to me by our good brother Coleman one week ago, on the Cars on our way down from Louisa. And every day since I have purposed in my heart to respond to it— Indeed before I received it I fully intended to write to my beloved sister B— and tell her what a disappointment I we felt at not seeing her with good husband & daughter at Richmond Meeting. And also to tell her how I often regretted my ignorance of being so near you all at the City of W— and yet not to have had the pleasure of seeing those I have so long desired to see in flesh— I did intend to have written and inquired your whereabouts before we left home— but so hurried for time &



thinking most assuredly that  
you would be at Richmond. I put it  
off - ~~You~~ <sup>you</sup> could have spent some time  
with <sup>you</sup> as we remained in Washington  
from 11 until 7 in the evening - But  
now to make the best of the time to  
come - My dear sister - let me tell  
you that we purpose to <sup>go</sup> home by  
Washington - And would earnestly  
suggest to you the propriety and  
the great pleasure it would afford  
us to have you to be in readiness  
to cross the Mountains with us  
and make us a good visit, en  
your way to visit your friends  
in Misfourse - You will learn  
from Bro Coleman's paper any appoint-  
ments ~~Dr~~ <sup>Dr</sup> ~~shall~~ Campbell will make  
after the present appointments are  
~~settled~~ <sup>settled</sup> But I will write you again  
and I shall be most happy to receive letters  
from you, please still direct to Richmond  
to the care of L. Waller -

I have heard  
that your sons were in the North



exhibiting the Panorama which  
has been so well executed. We have  
heard it very highly spoken of indeed  
and we certainly desire it abundant  
success - We expected your sons  
at Bethany this fall and now may  
we not expect the double pleasure  
of seeing you all there together -  
Could they not meet you there and  
let us have a jubilee - Do write  
to me and say so - We have been  
delighted with our visit thus far  
amongst our friends in Va. They  
have met us cordially everywhere.  
All the friends regretted the absence  
of Bro Barclay & family at Richmond.  
Oh! I do want to see you all so  
much and have a great conversation  
with you -

Mr Campbell's health con-  
tinues to improve and I trust the  
Lord whom he serves will preserve <sup>him</sup>  
to prosecute his labours to the end  
of this mission. He has had a  
good & patient hearing everywhere



What he has yet been - to day he  
speaks in this place - And will  
excuse my poor hasty scrawl - as  
it is drawing near Meeting time  
Do let me again entreat you  
to be in readiness to go with  
us - My daughter Virginia is keep-  
ing house for me - in my absence  
and I know it will afford her great  
pleasure to learn that you will  
accompany us - I feel a regret that  
I did not bring my youngest son  
and daughter with us - but they  
were both going to school - and we  
thought it would not suit our  
present journey - we declined bring-  
ing them - Though I find now it  
would have been very pleasant to have  
brought them -

Mr Campbell desires  
his warmest christian regards  
to you all - and writes with me in  
my earnest solicitations to accompa-  
ny us - Please give our christian  
regards to brother & sister Campbell  
with whom you are staying -

In haste  
I remain your very affectionate sister  
in the Lord - S. H. Campbell



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Bethune March 21<sup>st</sup> /56

My Beloved Sister Barclay.

I am sure that you will

think me very tardy in responding to your affectionate  
and most welcome letter. I have deferred from

day to day answering it though greatly against my in-  
clination - indeed should I write according to the

multitude of my thoughts about you and yours I

think you would weary of me - I am sorry to learn

that the "disappointed sister" you mention had

called and left her card did not seek to enjoy your so-

ciety and that of the Sisters - I am quite sure she

would have been happy in so doing - But there are

some circumstances that we do not understand

that might make it more excusable than we at

first imagine - I know you can make allowances

and I do not wonder in the least that you spoke

of it as you did - I think her a good woman but per-

haps that she is too accommodating to her husband

in matters of religion - he belongs to the Methodist

Church and that may prevent her - At this I must

say that I love courage in these matters under

I delivered your kind remembrance to Mr. Penlun - he sent his kindest



all circumstances— I presume by this  
time she has left for her home in Cin<sup>ty</sup> At  
her request since I saw you I have sent her  
a number of books and tracts— for the purpose  
of giving them the widest circulation amongst  
many friends who want to know what M<sup>r</sup> C<sup>o</sup>  
teaches— She regretted as well as yourself that  
the Christian system could not be had— I sent  
her M<sup>r</sup> C<sup>o</sup> last work "Baptism its antecedents and  
consequences" I sent you one for the same pur-  
pose— I hope you received it— and I intended to  
send you if I did not— a letter interesting  
work written by Dr Richardson entitled the  
"Principles and Object of the Present Reformation"  
If I have not please mention in your next  
I am sorry to learn that you have had trouble  
in the Church with secessionists I hope  
they will see their error— or be reminded  
by the brethren— I am rejoiced to hear that there  
is a prospect of good being done in your City  
May the Lord crown with success all your efforts  
of yourself and dear Mr Barclay— I hope



the work he is engaged in will soon be  
At ready for the public - Mr C. intends to speak  
of it in such a way in the April no of the M.H.  
that will excite the interest of the brethren and  
not public - by the expectation of its appearance  
Mr C. also feels it his duty to enquire of the Missions  
Board, what they have done for Bro Barclay since  
his return to this country as it is usual for  
and Missions to be ministered unto even when not  
engaged in their labours - Letter 73 - This would  
is very deceiving and Christians are not as lively  
in what consists their duties - the way of remuner-  
rating the labourers in the service of the Lord as they  
should do - I hope Bro Barclay will be greatly encour-  
aged - and that the Lord will bless him in all his  
undertakings and that he may realize a rich har-  
vest for the large sacrifice and consecration  
which he has made - I am and so is my husband  
then as well as daughter Virginia and others in Bethany  
to the time of your visit here - The spring has  
set at last burst upon us - even amidst surround-  
ing snow and ice - But the precious beams

of the sun in his strength will soon melt  
away the best days of the winter - I still hope  
for the visit from you soon I thought both of  
them until you mentioned that one was in Phil<sup>a</sup>  
I can well appreciate your feelings in regard to  
your beloved children I love you the more for it  
I am greatly affected with the same weakness  
if it may be called a weakness - I am truly rejoiced  
to hear of his good success - and the high notices  
taken of your book exhibition of the Panorama  
I do hope the warm weather will bring him soon  
to Bethany - I will assure him a good time here -  
Sister Barclay I have good news to tell you about  
Sister Williams - I received a letter from her last  
night - It was written on New-Years day - her health  
she says is greatly improved - and she has re-  
sumed her school again - M<sup>r</sup> C - will publish  
her letter in the April no. of the M<sup>t</sup> H it is short  
and well written and very satisfactory - indeed  
she had just received a short time previous  
fifty dollars that I had collected for her and five  
that sister Burnett had - making 55 dollars that  
enabled her to pay for the school room  
she occupied I should say partly pay for it  
for I think she mentioned in yours she owed



I intend to write to the Publication Society to send a copy of the Christian Baptist and the Book in Baptism its principles and its consequences to our friends in the West. I have all his works for sale. I have a large account of them.

you will be  
a letter about  
at Virginia  
interesting in  
in the letter she  
make a good deal  
of fun of our  
old carriage  
I think an English  
people to the  
I hope I have  
received

of the 26<sup>th</sup> was received from last Monday I feel it to be  
to have responded to <sup>it</sup> the return of the post but from circumstances was  
prevented. But I delayed sending the letter I had a good one with  
of our excellent brother Derris chiefly on account of the great  
desire that brother Biddleton and brother Willigan and others in  
and brethren should have an opportunity of reading it. It is now  
going its circuit and I shall be ready to forward it immediately I  
see the necessity of it rather. Barclay is writing immediately to me  
yet in regard to the matter. But I greatly fear that there is  
a better organization in respect to these matters and more vigorous  
effort exerted by on the part of the brotherhood generally. Little good  
will be done. I regret very much that my husband has not been  
able to attend the meeting of the Missionary Board for the last  
two or three meetings. I do think that it should be seen to with  
earnest zeal by the Managers. If Mr. C. cannot attend to it  
I will urge him myself to select or urge the Board to select some  
person who can devote his time and energies to it. There has I  
regret to say been a general dissatisfaction among the brethren  
everywhere the way the societies attend to their business. There  
not being the reports in such a way as would give satisfaction.  
This by the way I speak of very delicately. But mention it as some  
excuse for the laxness of the funds on hand and of the poor  
attention to the Missionary spirit. I tell you <sup>the</sup> truth I felt as he  
used to present before the public the brief Appeal I made in



the Feb No of the M. H. in behalf of our neglected sister  
Williams - Nothing but dire necessity impelled me to do so - I had  
for more than one year raised all I could privately and had turned  
over in my mind every plan I could devise and still failed of doing  
what I thought <sup>ought</sup> to be done for her - And hearing of her illness & delays  
I resorted to the one I have adopted in order to procure means for  
her to return home upon - As it is universally agreed upon that  
she ought to do so - But you will see from her letter that I  
mentioned to you in my last that I perceived that she is still  
hesitant upon remaining - And also Bro D. M. mentions in his letter  
her having rented a large school room - However whether she returns  
or remains all that can be raised will be acceptable to her -  
I am happy to say that I have received and am still receiving the  
most earnest demonstrations of interest on her behalf since my ap-  
peal has appeared -

You will perceive my dear sister that I need no  
urging or incitement, no "crafty" ploys to move my pen into action to  
address you - No indeed I assure my heart is full and overflowing  
upon various subjects to communicate upon - I only regret that  
my diverse hindrances and avocations daily pressing upon me  
leave me so little time to devote to you as I have - But I hope  
soon to see you "face to face"; then my joy will be complete and  
seasoned - Mr Campbell often tells me that we are well matched -  
He thinks that I was like you - And so between Dr Barclay,  
Beams and Mr C - I think we must feel it confirmed that there  
is a similarity both in person and taste - Indeed I must say  
in all sincerity that I have never met with any friend (and I have  
a good many) that I love and admire both for their personal and Chris-  
tian virtues - That so fully appreciate their natural and Christian  
excellences than I do Sister J. A. Barclay - I have noted for



Do please excuse my poorly written letter. I have written in haste. Yours

anything it is my frankness & true friendship. I am not given to flattery  
so that in truth out of the abundance of my heart I must speak the  
truth. Your arrival at Bethany will create quite an excitement among  
the friends. They have often heard much of you all both before  
and since I saw you that they will naturally desire to see you. I do  
hope that you will have a prosperous time in getting here and all  
yourself time to enjoy yourselves all that Bethany has to offer.  
I have talked with a number of our young brethren concerning  
your son and the celebrity of the Panorama. They are anxious  
waiting his arrival and I have not the shadow of a doubt  
believe all will be mutually pleased & gratified. As it respects the late  
visit of Dr. L. such persons have always managed the child  
of God in all dispensations. There is a fund of love to withstand  
Moses and we must not wonder that the rage of this great assembly  
would raise up those who desire and aim to establish the ungodly  
tenets teachings of the opposer of his Kingdom. There is  
some human heart a desire to reign and they would trample down all  
the word if it opposed them - not because they want to see truth  
triumph but they want to see what they in their conceited  
imaginative & stem-winded thought forth from their own brain.  
Where love is at the root both to God & man. God's  
followers will contend for the truth in order to do good - but  
it will manifest itself in the overflowing of love and  
not in streams of bitterness. As the whole course of Dr.  
L. has been from first to the present day of his dogmatical  
career. But Christians should evidence it and as you may be  
able to "pry" for him - But just let him alone in his own  
folly and have no company with him. My husband thinks  
any one professing to be a brother that would leave the Lord



table and give countenance & abbot such a reviler of the  
brethren should be called to an account for it & tried & made  
to give evidence that he had done wrong in treating the Church to  
which he belongs with contempt and disrespect in so counte-  
nancing an adversary. I should think the person would set  
his judgement on himself on this wise. I am sure will come but  
will be to them by whom they come. We are truly glad that the Dr  
has been called in the course of providence to labour amongst the brethren  
and I trust much good has and will be done. It will bring  
out the golden that the drop may be consumed. I wish you  
ister B. to write to me particularly the time you can come.  
We could know the day of your arrival in Wheeling we would  
send <sup>and mother by carriage</sup> our carriage for you. <sup>I think you will call if you can</sup> but <sup>unless</sup> <sup>the first of you be prepared on then</sup> you might  
be able to specify the precise day if you could only say the week  
we can easily have it arranged that you can come comfortably  
By stopping at the "Sprigg House" the second best in W. it is the  
house we stop at. I say if you will be there on leave word  
then we will tell our Mail Carrier to call there which he  
can do three days in the week. He drives a good Hack three  
days every week during the good roads. Sundays, Monday,  
and Saturdays are his days for being in Wheeling. Did I  
understand rightly when you spoke of a brother Campbell that it  
was the one that you boarded with when there. You are please  
present our kindest regards to Bro. & sister Carpenter with our  
best wishes for their welfare. Virginia writes her father &  
myself in warmest expressions of love & affection & the  
sentiments of the highest Christians. Extended and dear  
Bro. Denney's name and wrote Denney & Co. Affectionately  
I remain yours  
Lelia A. Campbell

Write a long letter to Mother Williams the last week



Bethany April 24<sup>th</sup> /58

My Beloved Sister Barclay

I cannot tell you how

badly disappointed I felt when I read your letter and learned therefrom that your stay from circumstances must be so short when you visit Bethany. I had been promising myself and my friends quite a good visit from you all so that I assure you that it is a hard matter for me to feel reconciled to it. At the time that I received your letter we had visiting us very dear and excellent Baptist friends from Xenosville Ohio together with our sister Benson of far fame for her excellencies and piety formerly of Baltimore. I had been talking to them so much about you all and telling them of your anticipated visit in which I assure you they took not a little interest that I felt badly indeed to tell <sup>them</sup> of the prospects of your shortened visit. After spending several days with us in which much sweet mutual

Mr. L. - I concluded a letter to Mr. Barclay that was sent to him to be sent to you so as to get it safely.



Christian intercourse was enjoyed they  
left on Monday morning but to take the  
cars for ~~Windsor~~ <sup>Windsor</sup> from Wheeling - I  
did so wish that you could have been here  
with - I am sure that yourself and the Dr  
would have enjoyed yourselves - And daughter  
Deanna was down and daughter Virginia also  
was at home - so that dear Sarah I trust would  
have found congenial society in them - Oh!  
dear sister B - do be precise as to the  
time that you will be in Wheeling and I will  
certainly try and meet you there or send for  
you - <sup>But</sup> if there should be any mistake  
as to the time of your getting there - or that  
I should not meet you - I think it would  
be much the best plan to come up in the  
boat that goes up from Wheeling to Wellsburg  
then you can come out to Gettysburg in an hour  
or a little over - and save the fatigue of a  
long ride across the country from Wheeling  
I feel much disappointed that your son has  
not gotten to B - but hope that he will get  
come and bring the Panorama with him

I know very well how to excuse  
such disappointments as we are truly  
(as Robert Owen used to say) the "injuries  
of circumstances") I know full well how  
often we have to change arrangements according  
to circumstances that transpire - But do tell  
me are you not going to leave Sarah with  
us whilst you go on west - I thought I under-  
stood so - We shall all be happy to have her  
to remain with us as long as you can. Give her  
Virginia & Deanna send much love to all  
and to Sarah specially - I am sorry to hear of  
your indisposition - that you have been suffering  
under - but am happy to hear that you are better - I have  
been very poorly for two or three days just myself  
but am better to-day - I am of a bilious habit - and in  
the spring I generally feel poorly for some time - I have  
been exercising rather too much - and a good deal  
excited - as you know I am somewhat of an enthusi-  
astic temperament - My son his wife and two  
dear little children returned last week from  
the South - after having been absent some 5 or 6  
months - She brought home a dear little string



just three months old - that I had never  
seen before - And the nomenclature of the  
name they gave it - (they called after his  
sister Margaret, my first-born) all conspired  
to operate upon my feelings - so that I have  
felt quite enervated - Mr Campbell has been com-  
plaining a little but still able to attend to his College  
duties -

I received a letter from sister Burnett the  
other day - in which she expressed a great deal  
of pleasure at the prospect of seeing you all -  
She informed me that Bro Burnett's father died  
lately -

Bro Perfection will feel disappointed at  
not having the Dr company at the meeting,  
as he had promised himself the pleasure  
We had a great snow storm the other night  
the heaviest I almost ever saw at this season  
but it is now bright and warm and beautiful  
as though it had not been -

Please do write to me  
as soon as you get this - your letters never tire - they  
are not of that character to weary - I shall feel  
so very anxious to know the exact time when  
you will cross the Mountains - that I may meet  
you - With love from Mr Campbell to all and  
from all the rest I remain dear sister yours in  
the Lord - H. C.

Bethany May 14<sup>th</sup> /56

My Dear Sister Barclay

I must write to you though it is uncertain that my letter will reach you. I have so anxiously looked every mail for a letter from you, saying that you would certainly be here - But the time is passing so rapidly away - that I begin to fear we shall be disappointed - I have many many reasons for desiring an interview with you and that you should visit B - I shall still hope Mr Campbell will leave home the last of next week to deliver his address that I mentioned in a former letter to a School of young ladies in Ky - He is desirous that I should accompany him - And I think I shall do all things concurring - But as I know you have to proceed West according to your arrangements - I shall still look for you for some 3 or 4 days yet - May I not be dis



be disappointed - With My best wishes  
and prayers for you and yours, that  
all spiritual Comfort may abound to  
you with every needed good - I remain  
My Dear Sister Priscilla your devoted  
Sister in the Lord

J. M. Campbell

W. Campbell and Virginia desire love to all  
"Hope deferred make the heart sick"  
in haste yours



Wheeling June 8<sup>th</sup> /56

My Beloved Sister Barclay

I received

Dear Mrs Dungan of Baltimore has buried two of his daughters since I was  
there at  
Christmas

Your welcome letter from Philadelphia  
in response to mine addressed to you  
there, a short time previous to my leaving  
home to accompany my husband to Ky  
Amidst the hurry of getting ready and having  
a number of letters to write up to the day  
of our leaving I am hardly certain, that I  
have not answered your last. But be  
that as it may, I feel assured that your  
warm heart will not receive with indiffer-  
ence, even should it be a doubt. I love to  
think of you & yours and cherish you all  
in my heart with ardent Christian affec-  
tion. We can love all who profess to  
love the Saviour more or less. as they give  
evidence of their allegiance to Him, But  
there are those whose love & ardor for the



cause sake. and whose Natural temperaments  
and qualifications, are such, that we  
cannot help loving them, even as our  
Master loved the Beloved Disciple —  
But here I must forbear dear sister at this time  
to comment further — as I have much to com-  
municate to you, — It is our privilege and hap-  
piness, not only to "love ~~not~~ word and in tongue  
but in deed and in truth"!! — You will  
doubtless be surprised to receive a letter  
from me post marked at this place — We  
have returned thus far back from our  
visit <sup>to you</sup> ~~to you~~ — we arrived here yesterday evening  
to late to get out home as we expected having  
been detained by the Cars — We left Cincinnati  
on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> in a train of Cars of some  
12 chained together with some five hundred  
delegates who had been there at the great  
political Convention — It was truly a crowd  
and we had another opportunity of learning  
~~another~~ a good lesson — With what earnestness  
did they talk of the question they had  
been discussing in the great assemblage.



ments at Cin<sup>ti</sup> could they but have shown  
but a mere tittle of enthusiasm as it  
regarded their eternal interest, what  
happiness would be diffused in the  
land - But alas poor human nature!!  
Mr Campbell was quite poorly last night  
with a  
billious attack but is better to day and is  
now reposing - and I have embraced the  
opportunity of penning these lines hastily  
to you - Whilst we are waiting the arrival  
of our carriage for us -

We have had a very happy visit among our friends. Mr. C. delivered his address on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult to an immense audience. On "Woman and her Mission". The day was very cool and admitted of a peaked house without suffering from heat. He was requested to deliver it again <sup>in</sup> Louisville - which he did in the large House occupied by Dr. Everett. The Baptist preacher there - who was very cordial indeed. - It has been greatly lauded by the Louisville Journal.



<sup>But</sup>  
You will see it however for yourself  
in the M H— Many of the Brethren  
Made inquiries of Mr C— and myself  
for Bro Barclay & Family— Many of them  
expressed disappointment at <sup>not</sup> seeing you  
amongst them in different sections of the  
Country— You may be sure that my hus-  
band and myself was very careful to give  
a good report of Bro Barclay's ~~engagement~~  
in regard to his book— and also of his present  
engagements— and also bespake their in-  
terest in its behalf— when it shall appear  
There is a large Church in Louisville  
of seven hundred members— and <sup>they</sup> appear to  
be full of zeal & love— I spent a happy  
time there from Saturday evening until  
Thursday— I met with Bro & Sister Burdett  
and many other christian friends in C<sup>ts</sup>  
They mentioned the engagement of  
the Dr in the Philadelphia Mint  
I read with great interest your letter  
respecting it— I do hope with all  
my heart that he may be successful



Mr Campbell & Mrs O are the more anxious to  
see the Panorama, & are seeing the pictures  
They want your home to be here and were here  
with it and lecture at Bethany - they will have  
a good hearing do write to them to come with it  
But I will write again. Bethany June 16<sup>th</sup> /56

My Dear Sister Barclay

My heart is almost  
too full to write, but I find my pen in  
my hand to tell you of the great disappoint-  
ment to the friends and citizens of Wellsburg  
that the Dr did not lecture there on Jer-  
usalem - There was great anxiety to hear  
him - I think if Mrs Hall had but have  
seen us before you started that you would  
have certainly remained there over to-day  
and I should have stayed and enjoyed your  
company with dear Mrs B and dear  
sarah. O! My heart overflows with the  
most happy emotions at what I have enjoyed  
even at the thought of what pleasure your  
presence has afforded us. The short time  
you were ~~are~~ with us - We shall all look  
forward to another happy meeting in the Fall  
May the Heavenly Father preserve and



you shall certainly have the like news - of her a thought  
step soul all in your journeyings  
and bring us to meet one more again  
at Bathurst - May the Lord bless and  
keep you, and prosper you both spiritually  
and temporally in all things - is my ardent  
prayer - and I feel assured of many many other  
dear brethren here and elsewhere - Mr Camp-  
bell & Brigidine and all were delighted with  
the full sized Broadwellton came just as I  
turned - and I thought both he and my  
husband could not say enough about you, they  
were so full of pleasure with your visit  
and regretted much that it had not been  
longer - They are very anxious indeed that  
he should lecture every place that he goes  
and are highly attached to him and value  
his labours in the best of all causes, in the  
highest manner - I hope that you will make  
as long a stay in Cincinnati as you possi-  
ble can, as the longer you stay every where  
you sent yourselves deeper & deeper in  
the affections of the hearts of dear friends  
How I should rejoice were you only situa



ted in some spot near us that your  
voices could often mingle with our  
friends here - But these will be a  
grand meeting without the pain of sepa-  
ration in the glorious assembly above  
"where congregations never break up -  
And Sabbath's never end" -

In the great  
excitement and hurry of conversation about  
so many and so various matters - I recollect  
that I did not speak of sister Burnett as  
much as I intended - she is as you know a  
warm friend of mine - and I feel assured  
that will ~~be~~ with Mrs Burnett, <sup>and herself</sup> ~~there~~  
that <sup>they will be</sup> happy to have <sup>you</sup> ~~there~~ make them  
a good visit she is the most cordial  
person I know of - and I am very sure  
that they all cannot do too much to make  
you happy - Dear Mother Carr, is one of  
the best and most devoted friends and sisters  
in all my acquaintance - I know that you  
will love her with all of them - My  
Cousin's also - Give them all much



Love for us - I hope most sincerely  
that the matters respecting dear  
Bro Deniss will be most satisfactorily  
arranged - Tell Mrs Barclay be pleased  
but do tell him to stay as long amongst  
them at Cincinnati as he can - and preach  
and Lecture for them as long as he can  
As I feel that he will be able to  
accomplish a great deal of good by  
so doing - The brethren will be won  
by his personal presence - his fresh  
ing conversation and prayers - Do beg of  
him to lay off restraint and become more  
and more social amongst the brethren  
As I told you that was true regret that  
he had not mingled enough amongst us  
And I would also state as you know it  
that the question of holding slaves has been  
a little of a sore matter with our Ohio  
brethren - But mingle with them - and  
all objections must pass away like the  
morning cloud, and the early dew - But  
I must now close soon - as it is drawing  
near our prayer meeting hour -

Oh that you were all here to go with us



Bethany June 30<sup>th</sup> /56

My beloved sister Barclay

I have been anxiously expecting a letter from you, for some three weeks past. And without standing upon ceremony & such I have seated myself to drop you a line. In hope of soon receiving an answer. I was in hope of hearing the whereabouts of your sons are this - or of seeing them at Bethany. Please tell me everything connected with their journeying, and when we may look for the pleasure of seeing them.

The evening we parted with you we got safely to B. - though it was rather late when we got there and we had some little difficulty in finding our friends. They had been to the Cart twice for us on their arrival, previous to our coming. We had a very happy sojourn there of several days - being persuaded to remain over Lords-day. We had a very comfortable passage across the main.



trains - and arrived safely at home on New-  
Years evening - We found several friends  
assembled to greet us on our return home -

What gratitude and thanks do we owe to  
our gracious Heavenly Father - for His  
unnumbered Mercies conferred upon us both  
at home and abroad!! -

My dear sister I think  
of the very happy interview we had with you  
and Mrs Barclay and daughter - and other  
dear friends in your City with the greatest  
pleasure. There has been many inquiries made  
for brother B - yourself & daughter since our return  
As I had made the mistake thinking you were  
going to Mo. this winter I had written home  
saying I expected you would go with us - I look  
forward with much happiness to seeing you  
you all here in the spring - and of having dear  
Sarah making us a long visit - Virginia  
I know as well as myself will try and do everything  
to contribute to her comfort & happiness - I hope  
she will not forget the drawings - Virginia



has been so much engaged since my return  
I should have had her to write - Her apology  
is that she owes so many letters now that will never be  
able to pay - After my return I was obliged to visit a  
grand-daughter who was quite indisposed and needed  
my attention and sympathy - And last week I was  
called to a distance from home to attend the funeral of  
a dear friend with whom I had been acquainted from  
my earliest recollections - We had lived in the firmest bonds  
of friendship all that time without an interruption or jar

How are brother and sister Carpenter? Please give  
our love them - W<sup>c</sup> and myself feel great interest  
in those persons who have been worthy inmates of B<sup>y</sup>

Have <sup>you</sup> your dear Mother with you as you expect?  
If she is please give her my love also - though not per-  
sonally acquainted - I love her as a Christian and for her

Have you seen sister M<sup>c</sup>Lean since? And please  
tell me how you are getting on in the Church -  
Remember W<sup>c</sup> Campbell and myself to brother and  
sister Campbell - And to all of the friends as you  
have opportunity - Have any of the Baltimore  
friends been down to see you? They are desirous  
to have the D<sup>r</sup> go and preach for them - Bro



and Sister Austin - since they would make  
you a special visit - I do hope the Dr.  
will accept and visit them as often as he can  
they being at this time without a pastor - How  
is the Dr. getting on with his book? I feel assured  
it will be a very interesting work as his letters  
from the Holy Land were read with interest and  
admiration - I have spoken of Brother B - as re-  
minding me of what the Apostle John was - in what  
I imagined him to <sup>be</sup> full, of love and humility -  
And you my beloved sister may I say, that I  
realized in you more than I had anticipated  
And dear Sarah - but I must not say more  
as I never was a flatterer - <sup>I am not sure you are</sup> But I must say that  
I love you all dearly - I have heard through  
Sister B - that sister Williams is in great need!  
The sisters in Baltimore gave me quite a good  
sum for I did not make application in Eastern  
Va as M<sup>r</sup> C was settling with the ladies of B - College  
I hope to forward her a good sum by this mail  
M<sup>r</sup> C - health continues good he is able to attend  
his College duties with vigor - But the affair  
that happened is giving the rounds and creating

great deal of exultation in this country and in Baltimore



Bithany August 13<sup>th</sup> /56

Dear Beloved Sister Barclay

your affectionate  
and devoted letter from Palmyra, was the other  
day received by me with that ardour of love  
and reciprocation of heart which only those  
can feel, who possess similar natures, fraught  
with keen sympathies, <sup>such as ours are, and</sup> all of which I trust  
are in a good degree, (though still very im-  
perfect) under the continual and teachings  
of the Word and Spirit of our Heavenly Father  
I had been anxiously waiting to hear  
of your safe arrival amongst your be-  
loved friends - I rejoice with you in  
your felicitous circumstances - I trust  
every blessing may attend you & yours on the  
present journey & throughout all your future  
journeyings through life! - I have  
no doubt, but that Bro Barclay will do  
much good amongst the brethren there

Describe with us often as you can



I am very sure that they will highly  
appreciate your visit amongst  
them - and consider it a great blessing  
That very Spirit of humility so conspic-  
-ous in you all - and that feeling of the  
"Shade" for which you remark that  
Dr B - says you were all made" is  
one of your greatest passports to  
every true Christian's heart! - Oh!  
My beloved sister, if there be so much  
enjoyment in the society of friends on  
earth, amidst all the draw-backs, what  
will be <sup>the</sup> feast of the saints - in the  
Heavenly Kingdom, - where there will  
be no sin nor sorrow to mar  
or interrupt their communion and  
their joys? - Let us indeed force our  
entrance into the strait gate - that  
we may indeed have the privilege  
of uniting in worshipping and adoring  
"Where Congregations ~~never~~ break up  
And Sabbath's never end!!" -  
Surely the theme of Man's redemption



will forever fill our hearts, & employ  
our noblest songs—There will be nothing  
to annoy us, nor interrupt our joys—~~Oh!~~  
the unceasing wonders that will be forever  
unfolding to our vision—in the contempla-  
tion of that Infinite Being who created  
us & Redeemed us from our ruin—with  
the precious, priceless blood of our Divine  
Saviour—Blessed be the Name of the Lord  
our God—! We are not left Orphans  
now in this world of woe—For He has given  
His word to guide us, & His Holy Spirit to  
cheer us, all the journey through—  
His promises never fail—though the  
Heavens and the earth should pass away  
yet not one assurance, that He has given  
His children can fall short of being per-  
formed—

As it regards a Missionary Spirit I  
cannot see how any one professing to love  
the cause of Christ, can be indifferent to  
it. When we think of what is to be done  
and what ought to be done—How can any



be cold or requidless— Ah! we have  
such selfish hearts—so unwilling to  
forego present ease & comfort— I fear  
in too many cases that this is the cause  
of failure to be interested in this great  
matter— yet our Great Exemplar did  
not think it too great a sacrifice to  
leave the Courts of Glory and the Prison  
of His Father to come to our Sin Stricken  
World to sojourn amongst us— in order  
to do us good— And should we with-  
hold what the Lord has committed to our  
trust or restrain our energies in so  
noble a cause— with such a bright  
pattern presented to our view— I do trust  
the Lord will move the hearts of some to  
minister to the necessities of Brother Deniss—  
It will certainly be a stain on our Missionary  
Board if they do not— I have not yet heard  
whether Sister Williams, will remain, or return  
I hope to hear something through Sister  
Barnet ere long— I received as a present the  
other day the group of your likenesses that  
was taken of you in Wheeling— It is certainly  
the best I ever saw— I cannot tell you  
much I prize it— Every person says the  
likeness are true and excellent— I keep



My Dear & Beloved Sister Barclay  
 I can not  
 tell you how much disappointed I felt  
 when I heard that it would not be in  
 your power to come to Bethany - and  
 your son was not coming to College  
 I had promised myself much pleasure  
 and to had my dear husband, in seeing  
 you all at B - again - It was only  
 the other evening that I heard through  
 Bro Challen that you were in Phila  
 delphia - I was truly sorry to hear that  
 you had all been sick - but happy to learn  
 that you were then well - Bro B - must  
 have had quite a severe attack - But the  
 Lord is merciful & gracious and restores  
 again that we may praise & bless His  
 Name - O my dear sister I know  
 that you will bless the Lord with  
 me for his gracious and wonderful  
 deliverance, of my beloved husband  
 in a most signal manner from a

to manage as we have do many different things I have a  
 Indian boy and I said that if takes the wisdom of the

I manage he  
 But even  
 at present  
 Do write me  
 soon and let  
 me know if  
 sister W.  
 is coming  
 my love to  
 all your  
 dear ones  
 in a day  
 for  
 your dear  
 self  
 most sincerely  
 in affection  
 truly  
 Yours  
 J. H. Duffin

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terrible death - His guardian  
Angel was near & preserved him  
through the wreck of smashed cars  
and fire thrown all over him  
by the cars being thrown down  
a bank - They had let the Cow-  
catcher remain too low and when they  
came to the crossing they were  
thrown off -

It was a very warm Meth-  
odist friend who brought me the in-  
telligence yesterday evening - He was on  
the spot a short time after it happened  
and remained with Mr. Campbell until  
he started the next morning for Cin. ti  
It happened near Tunesville - I had ac-  
companied my husband as far as Wheeling  
and returned the next day - He left on  
the 4 O'clock car for Columbus - for  
Cin. ti where he was going to attend the  
the Missionary Meeting which com-  
menced yesterday - He was to deliver  
an address to a high school there  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> and started earlier for that  
purpose - I feel overwhelmed with



gratitude to God for so big a  
a deliverance - Mr Campbell has traversed  
thousands of miles and never met with any  
thing like <sup>it</sup> on land before - He was  
shipwrecked twice - so that he has  
been the object of the Almighty's care  
amidst many perils both by sea &  
land - I received a letter from Mrs Challen  
requesting me to send him a good Autotype  
of Mr C - and also to give him a little  
sketch respecting him that he might  
insert in "his Chronicle" - I did it, but  
so hastily & so imperfectly that I fear  
that it will hardly be acceptable - But  
he must pie up - I forget to mention it  
as he requested - the place of Mr C's educa-  
tion - He finished in Scotland at the  
Glasgow University - You will please  
mention it to him - I presume it will  
be a very brief sketch - Mr C felt a little  
uneasy about it - But I presume it will be  
of some advantage to Mrs Challen and can  
be of no great importance to Mr C in any way  
I have such a number of letters constantly  
to write both for myself & Mr C - that I



cannot take time to do anything well  
My dear is still from home - she is now in  
Lancaster and I am sure she would be delig-  
hted to get a letter from Aunt Sarah - she  
is not a very good correspondent but she  
loves to get letters - Decima has been in  
Lancaster since New-York for several weeks  
she went there for with her father as he  
went to the Bible Union - she is very  
much pleased with her location - If  
Sarah would only write to her I am sure  
she will be punctual to answer it she  
has Sarah's letters with - you must  
never think that your letters will be  
unacceptable to me at any time I  
shall be always truly happy to get  
them - I was introduced to your cousin  
Hissell in Wheeling - he spoke of you  
with great warmth of affection I  
think he looks so much like - he regret-  
ted so much that you had to start so soon  
but hoped that you would come back  
that way - I was very much pleased with  
him indeed - Your sister Williams I  
have not heard from her lately & I have  
not answered the letter I got when you were  
here I still thought she might be on her  
way home - Sister B - I hear she expects  
to bring a Mahomedan child with her I  
fear it will not suit me to take the child  
with her - I know it would be so difficult



and wife  
— Mrs. Rogers

Please give my love to Bro. Challen

Bethany Nov 24<sup>th</sup> /56

My Dearest beloved Sister Barclay

I have been waiting with much anxiety to hear from you for some time past. I almost feared that you were sick or that something had happened that I had not heard from you etc this. True I heard indirectly through your beloved husband whom my husband saw at Cin ti. You may be sure that I was truly rejoiced to learn that he was there. And moreover to learn also of the very able & interesting address that he made there. I assure you Mr C. was very much interested in all that Bro Barclay said. It was excellent indeed. I could wish that I had been there but it was not convenient for me to leave home at that time. I am so sorry that you did not get to Bethany on your return from Missouri. I assure you that you would all have been warmly greeted by us and the friends at Bethany. I do hope that you will come before that you go to Jerusalem. The brethren you see are all stirred up in the cause of Missions. While on that subject I must not forget to tell you how much mortified Mr Campbell feels that he neglected to desire the Board to forward money to our



much neglected & badly treated Bro  
Denniss - But I hope still it will not be  
too late - Mr C has written to Bro Loose  
to see that the Board send immediately four  
hundred dollars to that dear brother - He sup-  
poses that they will know how to direct through  
the Bairings of London - But perhaps Bro Barclay  
had better write and tell them particularly how  
I have not heard from Sister Williams for a  
long time - When I heard last she had not  
yet received the ~~five~~ <sup>three</sup> hundred and fifteen dollars I sent  
in Feb last - I have been told that I could send a  
Duplicate - and think I shall do so soon - If you  
have heard from her lately please send me word  
soon? - I am anxious to know whether we may  
expect her this winter - I have still more for her  
if she would only come -

I am sorry your son did not  
come to College we have a fine class of young men here  
this session - I see from a notice in Bro D P  
Anderson's paper that Bro Barclay Brook will be  
forth coming It will certainly be interesting - I wish Bro  
B had sent his prospectus here - It should have been put  
into the Dec No of the M H - It will appear in the  
Jung No - I happened to get the paper and saw it -  
Also the death of a prominent sister in Kentucky  
that might have been overlooked - As Mr C does



not get time to read a tittle of what comes  
to his thing - I feel disappointed that  
we have not yet seen the Panorama - I heard  
that your son had parted with it - I wish he  
would tell the person to whom he sold it to  
to come to Bethany with it this winter -  
Sister B - you did not intend that I should  
keep all the fine drawings of Miss Lorah, - I cannot be so selfish  
as to think so - you may be sure they have been well exhibited  
and of course admired. The Ambrotype Picture of Bros  
B - yourself & daughter is most excellent I have it framed in  
a wide Mahogany frame - The "Modern Jerusalem" is  
now in Wheeling being framed - I called again at your Cousin  
Hiskell, in Wheeling he was not at home the last time - He  
had gone to Illinois - But his partner was very polite and  
said that he would forward the shawl that you left - so  
I sent it to him - he gave me a card with the Firm's  
name, where you can call & get the shawl - Your Cousin  
was extremely kind & pleasant when I saw him - I think you  
remember one another very much indeed!! - What is  
Bro B - going to do about the Patent respecting the  
Coin? Will he not go on with it - Tell me all about it  
when you write - Do write to me soon No matter  
what haste or how you write to me - you see what  
a hurry I have written the foregoing in - I fear you will  
hardly be able to read it - I just returned late this  
evening with M L - from West Middletown where he had  
been preaching to day - Monday - Mrs Ennett is holding a  
protracted Meeting there and we went up last Evening.



Please tell Bro Challen that I sent a  
copy of the Christian System to Dr E B Gordette  
of Walnut St between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> I hope that he got  
it safely - I have nothing more to communicate to  
Bro Challen than the brief sketch I sent him -

I expect Virginia at home this week - she has  
made a long visit in Kentucky - Deanne is  
much pleased with the school & country where  
she is - Tell Miss Sarah to write to me I shall  
value it very much indeed - Do excuse

my hastily written epistle. I felt that I could  
not let another mail go out without writing.  
Do write to me soon - I shall wait with  
intense anxiety - The fervor of my affection  
for you my Beloved Sister is not in the least  
abated - Give my warmest love to Mrs Bailey to  
your daughter your sons - and accept a large share  
for your self - Mr Campbell desires also much  
love to all - Believe me my dear sister yours  
Most affectionately in the  
Lord

W Campbell

my Daughter-in-law sends  
much love to you



Barclay, Julia Ann, 1813-1908. Correspondence-Incoming. From Selina Huntington Campbell. 1857.



Bethany July 19<sup>m</sup> 1857

My dear sister Barclay

I have postponed writing to you much longer than I had the least idea of doing. It has been in my thoughts from day to day to answer your last kind letter. And especially I had resolved upon addressing immediately after our excellent brother Laura left for your city. But various circumstances conspired to prevent me. Virginia has been quite indisposed since her return from her visit on Kentucky. She just escaped having a spell of Typhoid fever. She is still poorly though able to go about. She is now in Wheeling staying for days with our granddaughter M. Pendleton who has been ill with bilious fever. My Brother from Illinois has been with us on a visit for some two weeks so that my time has been almost wholly occupied. But I will not trouble with further explanations and apologies. I know you can easily excuse my delay. I have so much to talk to you about, and would be so truly gratified to enjoy your society that I feel a cloud of disappo



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entiment come over me when I attempt to put  
pen to paper - I feel that it is not adequate  
to express half what I want to converse with you  
upon - But I must make a good use of the privilege  
of even exchanging sentiments in this way -

Well I believe you & Mrs Barclay have decided  
to visit Jerusalem again and devote your lives  
to the arduous work of endeavouring to enlighten  
the dark minds there - You are well aware of the  
trials and difficulties that await you - and yet  
you shrink not from them - The Lord's Arm-  
our and the Lord's strength I know is sufficient  
for you - He can sustain you and make you  
useful and a blessing still to the benighted  
sons and daughters of Abraham - as you have  
been hitherto - I have always, have associated so much  
spiritual happiness to the missionary life, even amid  
all the trials and hardships to which they are exposed  
There is something so truly animating and comforting in  
the thought of working in the wastes, beyond a part from  
all earthly considerations, that I have almost envied  
such a life - Perhaps I may have caught the spirit  
many years ago, from reading the life of the first



W<sup>m</sup> Judson. Who laboured so ardently and endured  
so much in the Missions field - Her husband's  
sufferings & patience was so impressed upon my mind  
that I have never forgotten the Christian heroism &  
fortitude they manifested under all their trials -  
Added to those of after years the same courage of the  
second & third wives of A. Judson, whose memories  
burn with so much lustre. that they cannot but capti-  
vate the heart of every ardent lover of the Missions Cause  
For my part, I do so much admire the characters of those  
great women - that I have often felt a spirit impelling me  
to write for the good of society something more about  
them. Although so much has already been said - I should  
especially like to hold them up to my Christian sisters  
and indeed to all of all denominations, as pure models  
of piety and devotedness in the Master's Cause. And  
also as bright ornaments and patterns of obedience and  
devotion - As wives should be to their Christian hus-  
bands - But I am forgetting myself - I am going to lengthen  
into the subject here - You know that I make but little  
pretensions to appearing before the public in any way -  
Hence I am of the opinion that a person should not withhold  
this or her might of doing good even by the pen provided  
they have the ability - I think it is either pride or false  
deference that prevents in many cases -



To tell me dear sister B - if one or both of your  
sons will go with you. And also when you think of going  
Also what dear Sarah thinks of it - she will be cut off  
from all young society - will she not? - How is dear Bro B -  
proceeding with his import affair in regard to the Mint?  
We feel anxious to hear - I trust the Lord will favour  
him in his operations. Are you spending the winter pleasantly?  
It is extreme cold weather at present - I should like to see  
your sons at Belknap so much - Can't you find something to  
send them this way in the spring or fore part of summer? -  
Do please forgive me for asking you so many questions  
I was truly glad to learn that sister W - had received the  
draft I sent her - It will be doubtful about her return-  
ing now that you are going - Please when you write  
~~the next of you~~ know what I may expect - I wrote to  
her not long since but did not ask her about sending the  
Money in my hands to her - You would do me a favour  
if you would write and ask her if I shall send her  
the funds I have collected for her by you or through the  
Barrings London immediately I have over three hundred  
dollars for her at her command any time - Although I  
spoke of it last it was most prominent in my intention  
to speak to you of our worthy brother. I do hope



Sister Barclay tell Mrs Barclay to hurry and send on the Prospect with the envelope ment you spoke of to have it in time for the March 1st of 1857

My Dear Sister  
Beloved Sister W - feel  
with deeply that  
she has a  
Roman-Cath-  
olic for a  
Cousin & a  
man who is  
intemperate.  
B.

Bethany Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1857

I had most earnestly looked for a letter from your dear pen - and I assure <sup>you</sup> the recognition of your well known inscription was hailed with pleasure, when I received it accompanied with several others from various quarters. Do not my dear sister think for a moment that you are "taking" me when you write me a lengthy communication, neither would I have you apologize at any time for so doing. I indeed feel under quite as great an obligation to you, for your interesting epistles (as I know they must be often under exciting & pressing duties) as you could possibly feel on the reception of mine.

I most sincerely thank you for the kindness that you have done both to myself & Sister William, in sending the letter you received of such a late date from her - I do not think that you should have felt so delicately about sending it, I cannot think there needs the least apology from you in regard to it - I perfectly understand & appreciate your sending it to me so speedily - Though the sad truths it contained, made my heart sick and pained my soul. I began immediately to reproach myself for having delayed so long in the furthering on of the funds I had in my



hands to our suffering sister - I pictured out  
to myself how I should feel placed under  
similar circumstances - I thought I could not  
have borne it as she did - And still persevere  
in the good cause - I thought surely her faith  
& love and that of our beloved Bro Dennis must  
be strong indeed when they could hold on  
in this steadfastness amidst such cruel  
neglect & taunts & sufferings - I do not think  
that sister Williams said one word too much  
or too forcible in the letter - Indeed I think I  
never read a better one both matter & manner  
O I do assure <sup>you</sup> I felt it keenly - I read it to Mr  
Campbell - who felt sadly about it too - I almost felt  
like blaming him as being the President of the  
Society that such had been the neglects - But  
however he regretted it he thought it devolved upon  
Bro Burnett to see and attend to all such matters  
But as you apologized for him as being taken up  
with the Publication Society that occupied his time  
that he was not sufficiently awake to the matters re-  
specting those dear lonely suffering sheep in that  
distant land !!! <sup>It was hard in you to make the apology to him</sup> - I hope Bro Dennis has received  
the sum alluded to ere this - Mr Campbell desired  
that it might be four hundred - so there has been a  
mistake in regard to it - But I do trust there has  
been an awakening from their lethargy amidst the  
the whole of the Board of the Missionary Society



If they do not promise to do more than they have  
ever hitherto done - I feel dear sister that however  
determined that you are in going & doing good in that  
distant Land - that it will be a hazard - You cannot  
do, or you ought not to do as you have done hitherto  
upon so strengthened Means or else use your own  
I do not think that you are called to do so - But we  
shall hope for better things - I immediately on the  
perusal of Sister Williams letter I determined not to let  
another Post go out without sending all that I had  
collected for her - And also to write to her again, as  
it has not been long since I wrote to her respecting it - But  
I wished to know if I should send it - or whether I  
should retain it for her - But as she had been disap-  
pointed in getting the sum to bring her that she wrote to  
Mrs Reed for - I felt it my duty to send all - The  
amount that had been sent to me amounting to three  
hundred and thirty nine dollars fifteen cts - I  
made the sum even by sending her three hundred  
and fifty dollars - Mr Campbell gave me  
a Cheque for the amount - I wrote to Bro Bishop of  
Cincinnati sending him the Cheque to have it negotiated and to send  
it on as speedily as possible to the Barrings of London - I  
do hope that she will get it in time to make an early summer  
voyage to America - I told Bro Bishop that I felt mortified  
for the brethren in America - But said that I thought that the  
letter ought to be made public property of for the brethren  
sake - only it would cause the Enemies to regret so much



Mr Campbell desires much love to Mrs & Miss Barclay and all the dear family. I told you that you apologized for sending it but that it was necessary that I should have the information I cannot now send you the letter it is what Mr Barclay says I will send it again. I will get the piece in the undertaking it will be so hard to give it up after that he has done so much for it. I have been at so much expense for it. I would no doubt do it for the United States. I do hope the friends you speak of will be interested in seeing it. It is a wise good conscientious man and I trust he will feel deeply interested in the matter. I think certainly the whole matter of the wardrobe will be brought to light and that Mrs Barclay will not suffer the invention to be taken out of his hands and enjoyed by another. I am truly glad to hear that they will no doubt be useful when their father's labours shall have ended. But do you think sister B that Sarah will go to the Young Society? Does she intend to devote her life to the cause also? I have many questions I would love to ask if I could only have an interview with you. I trust the Lord will be with you and that you will do as much as he has done - This only through trials & tribulations that we can accomplish and those living in ease & luxury do not feel the need of doing good - And it is through tribulation we shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven at last - With unforgotten love I remain dear sister yours J. Campbell



Some two months - My son Alexander will accompany him  
I feel very much indebted - at the thought of being deprived of  
his society - W. Lang.  
But I trust it is  
for our good cause  
and that of Education  
and Breach in the  
School - and we  
should rather I  
think separate to make  
fresh sacrifices -  
I mention these  
to you - I am  
ever your ever  
affectionate son  
in  
Love  
S. H. Campbell  
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letter and also one from Bro Denney -  
They are both excellent - that honor  
Bro Denney does to himself both as  
a Christian & writer - Bro Pendleton  
expressed his surprise both as regards  
his information and style of writing  
We are all distressed at the manner  
that he has been treated - I do hope  
that amends will yet be made both  
to his heart and pocket - O! the indifference  
and close eyes of professors in regard to  
these matters - could they be but aroused  
to a deep sense of their obligations -  
how happy they might be - and make  
others happy - What then appears to be  
expressed at the thought of your return



By day they had the celebration at the College of Washington

to Jerusalem. - <sup>and 29</sup> But rather it was  
expressed in the highest ~~disappointment~~  
manner by their not being able to  
give utterance to their joy - Sister  
Barclay I should be so happy to see  
you all once more before you ~~leave~~  
But I fear it was not in the power to  
enjoy that privilege. My prayers shall arise  
for your preservation and usefulness and  
be assured that you and yours will ever be  
warmly cherished in the depths of my love  
When you wrote to Mrs. Deming  
give them W. Campbell and my love to  
Sister D. Also we are truly sorry  
that he has not received any of the tracts  
yet, I will hasten to send it from the  
present day. And when you go could you  
take him any of the copies of W.C.  
work I will be that they are forwarded  
at any point you may designate  
Desadenton, Sister in law Mrs. King  
is now on a visit here and she told



me that she had the pleasure of  
seeing the Panorama at Rochester  
N.Y. — she spoke with you son  
she was truly pleased with it and thought  
it was interesting indeed — I do hope  
that Bro B. will realize something  
handsome from his discovery. I hope he  
will not give it up into the hands of  
others — I want your sister Barclay  
to send on the improved Prospectus  
that you spoke of as soon as you can  
for insertion in the M. H. — let it  
be in time for the April No. — as it would  
be too late for the present coming number.

I felt particularly impressed with  
the importance of writing to you at this  
time — from the circumstances of my  
having taken upon me the responsibil-  
ity of enclosing the letter of sister W.  
to Bro Barclay in a letter to be sent  
by this mail to Bro Fran Klein. At the  
suggestion of Bro Pendleton I do it



I felt like sending it to Bro Bishop  
when I wrote to him - In my letter  
to Bro Franklin I request him to lay  
the letter before the Board - for  
their consideration - saying M<sup>r</sup> P  
would write to them also M<sup>r</sup> P thinks  
that Miss Willcox wrote under a  
sense of justice and that the Matter  
ought to be made known - I apolog-  
ized to Bro F and told him that you  
apologized to me - But hope that no  
unkind remarks will be made as it  
respects Bro Burnett as he was so much en-  
gaged in other matters he had not the time  
to attend to it - I hope you will  
pardon me for what I have done  
and concur in the propriety of doing so  
There has been so many failures of  
money getting to sister W and Bro Derriss  
I shall feel anxious until I hear of the  
fate of that I have lately sent - My  
dear husband is to leave home this week  
on his Southern tour - he will be absent



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[illegible]

co-vent to take stock  
and pay for the same



disapprove & disgusted both with those who oppose  
and those that say they favour them, - that I scarcely  
know what to say in regard to the matter!! -  
I cannot imagine how Christians can oppose such  
benevolent societies. that they will not cooperate with  
one another. Neither can I understand, how a  
band of brothers united in these matters, as  
our Board of Missions cooperates at Cincinnati  
can acquit themselves and know how they  
have treated our beloved Martyn - like sister  
Williams - and pious laborers, and devoted brother  
Dennis, and also their noble self sacrificing  
Bro Baelin. I think how they have treated his  
Appeals in brother Dennis' behalf and how he must  
suffer in Jerusalem on account of their delinquen-  
cies arouse my indignation not a little  
together with Bro Burdett in efficient way of  
attending to matters and the bonds broken  
to contribute (I should say to pay their just  
debts to Bro Dennis) I do think the matter could  
not be managed worse than they have.  
I cannot comprehend matters in any way. All  
can think, let me think as Christians as I can  
think they cannot have right views of their duty  
in these facts are all too constructed.  
Only think that Bro Dennis is now behind  
and get pay of his lawful salary and yet they do  
not understand any thing about it. I do think  
as they are going to elect Dr. Bullen & family  
they cannot do any thing to ward sister W.



Dear Dennis - The foregoing statement is what I received  
from the Board per last mail through Bro Franklin.  
According to Mr Pendleton's suggestion I took the li-  
cense of sending the letter you sent me of the 1st to Dr  
to Dr Bowley - to Bro Franklin & have had. As to  
the Board - I should not have thought of their  
not having done any thing for Sister W. at present, but  
there is no excuse for their treatment to Bro D. I think  
Bro Bishop told them that I had sent  
funds to her through him. But when they knew that  
Bro D. had not been paid - however they do so? I sent  
a plain letter to Bro Franklin last night and told him  
to show it to the Board. I told him how dis-  
tressed Bro D. was in regard to the matter, and that he was  
impecunious (in to that effect) & that I had sent  
a letter that I received on Saturday night last the 8<sup>th</sup> of  
March and got from Sister W. I also transmitted Sister  
W.'s letter that <sup>she</sup> might send it without stopping (it being  
written badly legible) and I sent them all post paid  
this morning. Sister W.'s letter was dated 14<sup>th</sup> and sent by  
the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. And I was again delighted & surprised  
to get another from her this very evening dated after a  
few days: she had just received one from me of Dec 14<sup>th</sup>  
she got Jan 18<sup>th</sup> and I received an answer back to night the  
10<sup>th</sup> - She enclosed one of Bro D.'s letters which I send  
to you. That I to - May answer it - I felt like sending  
one of my letters to Bro Burnett - but feel back ward in  
doing so - I intended to mention that the houses  
which you things <sup>were</sup> had to be rented they were  
renovated - and it will require the <sup>to</sup> to write about



But I fear I weary you - Sister W has got a school of  
 three <sup>children</sup> ~~English~~ Missionary - two dear little daughters of our  
 consil American one little Jewish girl and a Sabbath  
 school of 12 - her health is pretty good and she could do  
 some service yet if she had a teacher to help - she and  
 her husband have with you Dr. Brewster, return I would  
 send the first letter of both - but I wish to have it for the  
 4th of July - I hope she will not get the \$350 I sent her the  
 4th of July - I have been so much excited  
 for some time past with that piece in the R Herald that  
 I cannot tell you how I feel - The article of Mrs. Coleman  
 in her last paper - is excellent - we are all rejoiced at  
 it here - I wrote her the first day congratulating her of what  
 she said - My husband had not time to answer it -  
 I gave it to Mr. Widdell requesting him to reply and it  
 would have been expected by the Rev. & Mr. H. but Mrs.  
 Coleman will write now!! - Perhaps Mrs. Coleman will  
 publish some of my letters respecting it I have spoken  
 of in your letter of 13 June - And believe I  
 ought to be doing so - I feel more indignant at the  
 piece in the Herald than at his book - Mrs. Lister  
 book is out and it is better than I anticipated  
 it ought to be circulated the length & breadth of this  
 land & then cross the Atlantic - Mr. Jones will  
 I think feel troubled of this piece & vanity - O that he  
 could repent of the Error he has tried to circulate & that  
 Lord will reward him!! - I have a great deal on  
 my mind - Many letters to answer for my husband's last  
 week I wrote in answer to two that came just as Mr. W. was  
 starting from Mr. Wallis of England also one from Mrs.  
 Dror of Salt Lake - Besides numerous other engagements  
 you must excuse my hastily written reply - I wish  
 could much love to thank you for your letter - is  
 well - My husband expects to be absent until the last  
 of April - his health was very good when he left home



Bethany June 12<sup>th</sup> 59

Beloved Sister B—

I fully purposed responding to your welcome letter of May 21<sup>st</sup> in this But every day at this season of the year, brings with it so many interruptions with it that I cannot be punctual in the use of my pen— The accounts from our beloved sister W— are very interesting indeed— The letter you mentioned Brother Barclay had sent to the "Christian Age" I have had the pleasure of reading— The English Mission family the spoke of must be a very excellent & interesting one— I rather think that under all the circumstances— that sister W— will remain in Jaffa— the prospect of seeing you all again there— I think will cheer her heart so that she will be willing to go on with her work— She speaks as you see



of Bro Dennis coming to this country - I  
fear the means of his doing so will be short  
coming - I am sure if he was here that Mr  
Comptee would be happy to afford him every  
opportunity of improving himself - But as  
you know the misunderstanding in regard to  
the Missionary Board concerning Bro D - that  
there is no prospect of sending him anything  
to assist him neither do they feel under any  
obligation to assist sister W - so that I do not  
see how he could get here - I am still receiv-  
ing small contributions for sister W - I  
have now on hand nearly four pounds  
which has been sent in since I wrote  
to her - I have been thinking of send it to  
her by you - and perhaps there will be  
more added to it before you come O! I  
shaped like so much to see you before  
you start - and dear Sarah and all of you  
and especially your sons, as I have not seen  
them! I am so glad that our excellent Bro



Judge Black is interested in these matters  
Wont you be both for Sarah to start before  
you? Please give my love & best wishes for  
her happiness & usefulness in the new &  
important relation into which she is about  
to enter. I earnestly desire also to see Brother  
Johnstone - but I fear all my wishes will  
prove vain unless you can find some way  
to come to Bethany or near to it I will  
cheerfully meet you in Wheeling or still  
further should you have any part of the  
journey to bring you this route - Do write &  
tell me when the Union of L. is to take place  
I heard of it when in Pittsburg in the Spring I  
hope Brothr Barclay is getting on with his  
experiments well - the 6<sup>th</sup> you said he was  
to commence - I most ardently desire his suc-  
cess -

What a shame it is that there is any  
opposition to the Mission - It arises from  
ignorance & and a want of a charitable spirit



I trust the Lord will overrule all things  
 good - Let us abide faithful and all will  
 be well. Do write me as soon as you can  
 when you think you will sail - And in  
 deed everything connected with your movements  
 interest my heart - It is a busy time  
 with us here - as it is drawing near the com-  
 mencement - I do so wish that you all could  
 be amongst the number of our visitors -  
 I hope to see daughter Decima by the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 of this month - she has enjoyed excellent health  
 and been very happy there - but she is now  
 pining at the thought of getting home again -  
 How are our friends Bro Rowzee & wife Bro  
 Challen & wife - and also how is the excellent  
 sister Mrs Commodore Reed - I have a great  
 desire to see her I have heard so much about  
 her - Do write to me often - your letters are  
 always hailed with pleasure - Mr Campbell  
 unites in kindest love to all - Virginia is  
 not at home this evening - but would I know desire  
 kindest regards - Most affectionately, Your



Augusta Ill Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 53

Beloved Sister Barclay

I have both

longed for & determined to write to you, for more  
than two weeks past. But we have been so  
constantly ~~xxx~~ traveling or else all the time  
in company (when Mr Campbell is not  
preaching) that I may truly say that I have  
not had the time to do what my heart desired.  
I felt very much disappointed that I was obliged  
to leave Cin<sup>ti</sup> without taking the parting hand  
with Dr Barclay, having many messages too  
that I wished to have sent to you, and more  
especially were we disappointed in not being  
permitted to hear Bro B. deliver his address  
which he did the same evening we left.  
I met with a number of the "Christianity"  
the other evening at Bloomington in which  
I was so much surprised to see it  
stated



that it was expected you would sail  
in some three weeks. I do hope that  
it will be delayed to a later period  
and especially as I have learned that  
there will be no danger apprehended  
in a December voyage. I begin to fear  
that I shall not have the heart felt grati-  
fication of seeing <sup>you</sup> before you leave - if you  
go so soon, I am sure I shall not. As  
it will be impossible for us to be at  
home for some two weeks yet - and that will  
bring it to the last of the month. My  
husband concluded since leaving Cin. to  
visit Iowa - there being several large  
congregations that he desired to visit. His  
appointments in this state led him  
to the borders of Iowa - and having sent  
in appointments we shall be obliged to  
go. Though I am rather discouraged to-  
day respecting it, Mr Campbell has taken  
care (the first he has had since leaving



home which was 4 weeks yesterday) I very  
much fear that he will get hoarse and  
if he does it will be needless for him to  
try to speak - His health & labours hitherto  
has been good - and his labours immense  
speaking and travelling continually almost every  
other day or indeed sometimes every day  
on our journey - However I shall hope for  
the best We expect to get to Ho Kuek Lou  
to-morrow - We have traveled some 9 hundred  
on one thousand miles already - I left the  
daughters to keep house for me - but they  
expected us back sooner than we shall  
be able to accomplish - with the expecta-  
tion of getting ready for crossing the  
Mountains in December - I hope  
that you will write to me immediately  
on the receipt of this to Bethany as I shall  
hope to hear from you then most anxiously  
I am most anxiously waiting to hear how  
all matters connected with all that per-  
tains



to your interest is going on — Do give me  
all the particulars — respecting the Consul-  
ship — the Ment operations and also  
whether your son the Dr will accompany  
you should you go as soon as mentioned  
in the "Age" — We were all delighted  
with the Meeting in Cincinnati — I trust  
all will go on well — we had a happy  
and I trust a most profitable season  
But the Dr no doubt gave you a description  
I fully expected to have sent what money  
I had for Sister Williams by you (I think  
I mentioned in a former letter that I intended the  
\$20 I sent you was to be given to Sister Dim-  
mick which I wish so appropriate) — I will  
send what I have by mail if you shall  
have left before I get home — I mean to  
visit Sister Williams — I expect to have added  
from the "Witch Society of Cin'ti" some  
\$50. which Sister Bishop proposed to  
endeavour to get for that purpose —

I do so long to see you all so much  
before you leave for Jerusalem that  
I know not how to give up the Cherish  
hope — I shall perhaps write you again  
from Iowa — In the meantime accept of  
our love & present it to all the members of  
your beloved family — Most sincerely Yours J. H. C.



Bethany Dec 9<sup>th</sup>/54

My Beloved Sister

I hope you will pardon my silence

epistle

I fully purposed answering your kind & urgent <sup>epistle</sup> immediately after reading it on my arrival at home. But such have been my constant interruptions ever since my return that I scarcely <sup>I have scarcely been</sup> able to write at all. I still wished to feel more decided as to what I could say in regard to our anticipated visit to Washington and to your friendly city before making further communications which I begin to think I can now do with some degree of certainty. I hope dear sister you will accept of the foregoing as way of an apology for my seeming neglect. Indeed I have all confidence in you - that you have that confidence in my love - that I could do nothing intentionally to grieve your spirit! -

Through the

kindness & tender mercy of our Heavenly Father we were preserved in safety home. We found all well - and everything to be grateful for. Mr Campbell has recovered measurably from the effects of his cold - he has to be careful in regard to not renewing it - which at this time on account of the extremely damp & rainy weather we have had for some time past - there is great danger. This

I am glad to hear of the good success of brother Burnett & Bro Eliza in your city & hope to hear more of you soon.



afternoon we received through a Dispatch from  
Pittsburgh the Melancholy tidings of our  
Brother Samuel Church - <sup>deceased</sup> He died at the  
Astor House in New York a day or two since  
and is to be buried on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> in the city  
of Pittsburgh or near it - They wished Mr C. to  
Meet them there but the forbidding weather and  
other circumstances will prevent his going -  
We saw him last at the Missionary Meeting in  
Cincinnati apparently in good health - We think  
he must have died of something like apoplexy  
But he is gone the eye is closed & the hand palsied  
and the place that knew him will soon know  
him no more forever!! - And so will it  
soon be said of us all - It becomes us then  
to be found diligent, working whilst it is day  
for the night cometh when no man can work!  
Let us then, gird on more firmly the Christian  
armour - and be found each one at his post  
more ardently engaged in the good cause than  
ever!! -

My husband has written to Judge Black  
to-day saying all things concurring he hopes to be  
at Washington by Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> and will  
health permitting preach in that city on the  
20<sup>th</sup> of this month - W. Campbell thinks it will  
be better to go there before the Holidays than



after - The weather is likely to be more moderate than later in the winter - It will be quite a task to get ready and make another journey after being so long absent from home still. I trust good will be effected by it. And I do think that is the soul stirring object of my husband - We braved storms & wind in part of Illinois & Iowa - and still we <sup>were</sup> persevered on our journey - Mr Campbell had pressing invitations at two places in Ill to return ~~to them~~ again to preach to them - on his way home - It is one reason with me at this time that I consent to go - that Mr Campbell has been able to speak with more ease to himself than he has done for a long time - His health is better this fall than it has been for a long time - He is stronger in the cold weather than in the warm at all times. The girls are pained with the hope of seeing you soon - and I assure you that I should feel truly disappointed if I could not see your face again before leaving for that far country Jerusalem Jerusalem!! - Mr Campbell received a very pressing letter to bring his wife & daughters with him to Washington from Bro Black - I take it for granted it is sincere & we shall accept of it provided all things concur in our going - I am very well acquainted with her - She is an amiable



Christians lady and I shall not feel under  
constraint in her company - I wish it were so  
that you could be there at the same time - How-  
ever should it not be convenient for you - we  
shall visit you after staying there a few  
days - I have been thinking if it should be  
thought well by the brethren - if W. Campbell could  
give a Lecture for the benefit of the Meeting  
House - I refer to the assisting in paying for it  
He Lectured for the Methodist Society in  
Steubenville ~~for~~ that purpose a year or two  
since - and it was said there were eleven hun-  
dred persons present more than had been during  
the winter before - W. C. would not have time  
to prepare a Lecture - but I imagine that he  
could give an extemporaneous Lecture on  
the popular & interesting subject of Education  
that would be acceptable to the people at any  
time - But do excuse my tedious letter I have so  
much to say that I do not know when to stop.  
Give over love to the Dr. your sons and daughter  
with her husband - I wish to see him much as well  
as John - Have you heard lately from sister  
Williams? I wish much to write to her - but truly  
I have not had the time.

In hope of seeing you  
shortly I subscribe myself most sincerely Yours  
Love L. H. Campbell



Washington Dec 22<sup>d</sup> /57

My Dear Sister Barclay

I assure you it is quite a  
trouble to be so near you & yet so long deprived of  
that pleasure. I hope however that it will not be  
long now, as the term is near at hand that we are  
to leave. I have enjoyed several interviews with  
dear Sarah & her husband, then dined with us  
yesterday. I am much pleased with both John & Sarah  
and think them perfectly suited to each other.  
... We have  
had quite a good audience on Sunday morn-  
ing and also in the evening. Last evening it was un-  
favorable so that there could not be a large out-  
I trust some good has been done.

I have just  
received to read your dear letter. You had  
commenced this morning to write. I cannot even  
now my dear sister tell you when we shall  
get to your city. Mr Campbell received a  
Telegraph dispatch last night from one of  
the Trustees of B & C suggesting to him the pro-  
priety & importance of his going to Richmond



to deliver an Educational Address  
to the Members of the Legislature. That  
it might be of service to the College  
They have a Literary fund that they  
expect a loan from - W. W. K. Pennington  
is to meet Mr. Campbell here this  
morning - to accompany him on a long  
tour to the South to collect funds  
for B. C. - so that they will confer  
together whether we will go to Philadel-  
phia first or to Richmond - we  
expect to return from Phil<sup>a</sup> by  
Pittsburgh home - They give free  
like lengthening out their trip as long  
as they can - Deane is still as  
determined as ever to go a half year  
at my wife's school in your city  
and has brought books along - But  
her father has not by any means  
given his grant for her to do so and  
I feel as though I could not  
But I shall hope to see you soon  
The success of my hunt respecting  
B. C. I cannot say  
it goes worse instead of better



and yet I must not tell a tithe  
of what I feel to my dear husband  
as I think it wrong to discourage him  
then it is so hard for me to part  
with him for so long a time at this  
season of the year - and I cannot go  
along with him - He lives it well  
like a hero christian - not a man  
occupies his lips - His motto is "The will  
of the Lord be done" - I feel so too - but  
have not the power to carry it out to the  
bitter extent -

I am so happy to hear of  
the certain success of Dr Bowley - although  
it is trying to be kept so long - I suspect  
The Book is beautiful - and I ~~think~~  
will meet with a ready acceptance - I have  
read several pages of its conclusion - and  
looked through it hastily - Give my love to  
the Dr and your sons - The girls have just  
started to the Patent office - I am sure they  
would have had much love - In great haste  
Most affectionately yours  
J. A. Campbell



Barclay, Julia Ann, 1813-1908. Correspondence - Incoming. From Selina Huntington Campbell. 1858.



I think nothing  
will ever  
be retraced  
in this letter  
I hope it will  
be destroyed  
lest any one  
should see  
it who could  
not understand  
it  
I have the  
happineps to tell, that through the  
kind care & tender mercy of our  
Heavenly Father that we arrived here  
safely to-day in good time - we  
were kindly met at the cars by  
our friend that we were expecting  
he had been to meet every day for  
the last 3 days - O we have so much  
cause for gratitude & thankfulness  
for so many kind friends! - Would  
believe that my dear husband &  
Bro Pendleton only passed on to  
Cincinnati yesterday Mr McVay  
saw them when the cars arrived  
They passed immediately on they  
were both very well - He was  
under the impression that I had  
My Dearest  
Beloved  
Husband  
I have the  
happineps to tell, that through the  
kind care & tender mercy of our  
Heavenly Father that we arrived here  
safely to-day in good time - we  
were kindly met at the cars by  
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he had been to meet every day for  
the last 3 days - O we have so much  
cause for gratitude & thankfulness  
for so many kind friends! - Would  
believe that my dear husband &  
Bro Pendleton only passed on to  
Cincinnati yesterday Mr McVay  
saw them when the cars arrived  
They passed immediately on they  
were both very well - He was  
under the impression that I had

I have the  
happineps to tell, that through the  
kind care & tender mercy of our  
Heavenly Father that we arrived here  
safely to-day in good time - we  
were kindly met at the cars by  
our friend that we were expecting  
he had been to meet every day for  
the last 3 days - O we have so much  
cause for gratitude & thankfulness  
for so many kind friends! - Would  
believe that my dear husband &  
Bro Pendleton only passed on to  
Cincinnati yesterday Mr McVay  
saw them when the cars arrived  
They passed immediately on they  
were both very well - He was  
under the impression that I had



Let no one  
see this -

gone home with the girls

I am so thankful to learn that  
My dear husband was well as you  
know that he was complaining. O

Sister B. I never was more at a  
loss to know how to write to  
you than at this time. Not that  
I have naught to say but because  
I have so much. I never saw  
my daughters in all my life  
so completely overwhelmed with  
love - they talk about nothing  
else - Father Mother & sons  
are their continual topics!!!  
Virginia says "that she would  
rather call Dr Barclay father  
than any person she ever saw  
in her life - and as for yourself  
she can't express love & admiration  
enough for - You may imagine  
a little when you read her  
letter - And what she says



no one but yourself  
is - you can read such parts as you think  
Deanna says's likeness - I

feel aspired as much as I could  
feel aspired - that it is no fiction  
I sincerely hope that it may not  
end in fiction - Each one is as  
deep in as the other - and they  
are so full of it that they cannot  
restrain from outbursts of the  
deepest feelings of their hearts - But  
I need not attempt to speak of it  
here - I must wait for a more  
favourable opportunity - I do hope  
under a kind providence that  
our visit to you will prove a bless-  
ing to all concerned - I hope a right  
direction will attend the movements  
of all - so that all may be happy -  
I feel happy in thinking of what  
our interview may terminate in  
you know what I desire most for  
my children - A happy spiritual  
life! - But again I must say



that must wait for a more favorable opportunity - We were

greatly pleased in the company of the gentlemen Mr Smith introduced to us - He was very polite indeed - there was another gentleman joined him to whom we were introduced - We had a delightful day - I

think the scenery through the mountains - most grand - I was overwhelmed on waking from a slumber to behold the mountains this morning - I intend to leave in the morning at 5 or 6 o'clock

The girls will remain a day or two - Mr McBry is going with me - I am obliged to start early to meet them from home - Please remember me most affectionately to Bro B - and the dear sons -

Also give my kind regards to Mrs Inodgers and all family - Not forgetting especially Mr Morgan -

When you see sister & Bro Rowzee give them a large share - I will write you again when I get home - I have written in great haste so you must excuse



Bethany Lacey 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

My Dearest Sister

Your very precious letter came to hand some  
 two or three days ago. I fully intended to respond to your  
 last mail but so numerous and pressing were my domestic  
 duties I was obliged to forgo the pleasure. I have no language  
 to express the <sup>high</sup> value & estimate I set upon your sympathetic  
 heart! - A heart free from the hypocrisy of this sinful  
 world and imbued with kind generous & noble Chri-  
 stian principles is certainly a priceless jewel - I am  
 no flatterer but am plain & honest. Neither do I use  
 compliments in order to be complimented in return -  
 But I endeavour to speak forth the words of truth &  
 soberness. I am thankful to the D<sup>r</sup> for his good opinion  
 of me. But really feel that it is more than I deserve still  
 you know I can endeavour to be worthy in time to come.  
 I do not know that I have any thing special to commu-  
 nicate as I ~~was~~ <sup>am</sup> ~~informed~~ <sup>informed</sup> but she has written  
 to you since her return home. I am so truly thank-  
 ful to have them at home again. I assure <sup>you</sup> it is rather  
 somber after being social company for so long a time.  
 We live somewhat isolated and the weather at present  
 being unpleasant we cannot get out as you can living  
 in the City - Still as it regards myself I am quite con-  
 tent and were it not that apprehensions & fears stealing  
 over me (ever since the turning of B.C.) I should be



quite happy— My faith dear sister is called into  
great exercise never at any time, do I remember it  
to be more so. Well the Lord knows what is best  
It is certainly a good thing to feel oneself entirely thrown  
upon His care & protection to feel that <sup>that</sup> eye that  
never slumbereth nor sleepeth is watching over you  
And can give his angels charge concerning you!! These  
thoughts console me constantly in regard to us at home  
and my beloved husband who is journeying abroad  
O pray for us my sister & brother in this our time  
of trial!! When I heard from my husband the  
11<sup>th</sup> inst from Cincinnati he was in good health and  
spirits— They were going over into N.Y. the day after  
~~the previous~~ I have no idea how long they will be absent  
as it is of so much importance that they should prosecute  
the matter to the utmost extent. There is I am glad to say  
a very considerable interest ~~as the average~~ in behalf  
of Bethany Co—

I am so desirous of hearing the result of the  
Dr. Labours and if the Committee is still in attendance  
at the Mint— O that the Lord may approve and pro-  
pice the enterprise in my earnest prayer. I feel that  
He will— and seeing that the "City of the Great King"  
has given such ample satisfactions and called forth  
such unqualified praises, that such also will be  
the result of those arduous labours in regard to the  
coinage!! I do hope that after toil and care and  
days of trial and darkness that the silver lining  
of the clouds will turn up—

I long to see you



and be cheered by your dear countenance. I wish the  
D<sup>r</sup> could come with I suppose however that will be  
out of the question. But do dear sister in your next  
say if possible <sup>when</sup> you think can come and do bring  
dear sister Johnston with you. As a matter of  
course the young gentlemen will come, in order  
to keep their promise. I hope the affairs at  
Washington have now been decided!! I am so  
anxious to hear everything pertaining to interest & welfare.  
Do write me everything. I hope to hear from you  
by the next post as I wrote twice without wait-  
ing for a formal answer. I do want you to come  
as soon as ever you can and stay as long as ever you  
can - we will try and make you all enjoy yourselves.  
The Lord give you a prosperous journey to bliss  
with your father!! - I wrote a long letter to sister  
Rowzee last week I do hope she will get it. I forgot her  
name and had to go to the Mr Harbinger Book to get  
his name to direct. Ask her if she has received it and apologise  
for me. I received a long letter from sister Burnett. They were  
in Augusta Geo. I addressed her at N Orleans where they  
expected to live. I have written ~~many~~ many letters and have  
a great many more to answer.

I have concluded to make a  
large fur cape of my fur and to cover a muff that I have.  
I can quilt the lining of the cape kind of nicely and I  
shall have enough for cuff also. I think it is much  
the best to do with it. I found that it was a much  
better fur than any I saw of the grey kind. It is a  
type. I think they would not allow me



for it and it is much the best for me ~~manu~~factor it myself—

Deanna has been quite poorly since her return and has commenced taking some medicine prescribed by her Uncle. She is seated near me and has just gotten through the difficult task of swallowing a pill I hope with care and the use of plenty of fruit with brown bread that she will soon be better.

I do hope that you will be able to let me know that you will come soon—and the precise time that you will leave Philadelphia—so that I may have a vehicle in waiting for you at Wellslough.

Deanna sends much love, <sup>her</sup> Daughter Virginia is on a visit to Mary Anna—to night she was sitting up last night with Sister Pendleton's baby, who has been quite sick but is better to-day—Give my best love to all your dear ones I must close my long hasty written letter. Do excuse defects they are not few nor small. Devotedly—

Yours  
J. H. Humphreys

P.S.

I have just taken my medicine, washed my face and oiled my fingers and am just going to slip into bed. But first permit my "good night"—Do try and dream about me—I dream of some of you every night—I sleep with mother now & she makes a terrible pet of me in Sister Virginia's absence!!  
Love to all!

Forever Thine, Jessie



Bethany Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

My Dearest Sister

I received your dear welcome letter full of kindness - full of love with a heart overflowing with love in return - Indeed I feel assured that the pure christian love and friendship that has continued to increase from the first of our acquaintance will never cease - But I trust will be riveted stronger and stronger - Even after death in distant worlds - it will grow stronger & stronger!! - I cannot think of not seeing you again before your leaving! Do write & let me know what the prospects are of your coming - O we should rejoice so much to see you here - we talk constantly about it - I hope Robert & John will come with you - I will do all in my power to make your visit so that you will not regret your coming - O I do wish you were here to-night - I have much to say that I cannot write - It is late & I must conclude with my best love to dear Bro Barclay - I will write you soon again - I was disappointed in writing last post



and now can only write a few  
hasty lines— You must forgive  
me I cannot do more tonight— Deimon  
is over at her Brother is Virginia  
is waiting in the parlor

I have heard frequently from Mr  
Campbell— his health continues good  
Though he can't say when he will  
be able to return home— There  
will necessarily be a protracted  
one— My faith & patience are both  
in exercise— Pray for me dear sister  
Write to me soon again— I do hope  
and long to see you May the Lord bless you  
Give my love to all Robert John  
and dear Sarah and her husband  
when you write to them

Remember me kindly to Mr Morgan  
if he is still there— and to the rest

Also to your sister & daughters  
Sister Rourke and all others who enquire  
for me Love ever dear Devoted  
Sister

J H Campbell



Bethany Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1858

My Dear Beloved Sister

Although I have written to you  
a post or two I have as yet have not had time to receive  
an answer - I feel that it will be long the best  
acceptable, my being so unconscious of your excellent letters  
to the daughters have been received. And I can assure you  
that they have a charm about them - they read them with  
such a zest that I do not know them to read letters re-  
ceived from many others with - Indeed without the  
least flattery or dissimulation - I know of no elderly  
persons that they admire so much as they do to the you  
and dear Dr Barclay - It is not in the best of states  
since leaving you. They would as well as myself  
be most delighted to see you both with all that  
are dear to you - Two or three times yesterday & to day  
did they listen (whilst up in Virginia's room) thinking  
they heard the voice of a Cherub with the sun-time  
hoping that you & others were coming - They certainly  
will stick to their promise (if in the bounds of  
possibility <sup>to</sup> fulfill it) that of visiting you  
at Jerusalem - you will only visit us - Virginia  
I think would almost be made well should you  
come now - She has been sick for several days and  
confined to her bed having had a severe <sup>of vomiting</sup> attack - I hope she will be better soon though her  
stomach is very delicate having been now the 5<sup>th</sup>  
day since it would retain anything it having become  
so much irritated - How much the Dr. says with



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In several hours to-day - Mrs has measure very effects  
a relief - I how desirous I am to hear of the entire  
success of the labours of dear dear Brother Burdett in  
the coinage business - (not that I think that either he or  
myself are money lovers) - but I do wish for him to  
be freed from the anxiety & to realize the  
rewards of his enduring toil & expense - that he  
has been at - I trust the Lord will crown him  
in that with success as signally as he has the  
precious book of which he has the honor to be  
the Author - I do not wonder that it elicit the  
the praise that it does - It is all worthy of it - Why  
I am completely carried away with it - I have read  
it times & times with the deepest interest - But  
have read with care & admiration the introduction  
And am now going regularly through the work - I  
think surely it will be read with interest by all parties I think  
the gentlemen your names to whom this I sent a "smash"  
in return for his criticisms will regret his doing  
For I have no doubt that many will pour upon him  
for his presumption in doing so - I how I think of you  
as I see you & Bro B in your parlour and at the table - I wish  
one Sarah both could come - I assure our hearts  
are all warm enough to receive you all with glad-  
ness - And we have plenty of room - If you could  
only come - I am so much gratified to hear that Cf  
B - was going to speak in the Church at W -  
I have no doubt in the world - but that he will  
make a useful man in the best of all causes



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And R — will no doubt distinguish himself in  
his profession — Sister B — I cannot tell which  
I admire & love most — I need not converse to say  
anything more you know how much interested I  
am in you all — I trust the mercies  
of our gracious Heavenly Father are around  
you all for good — Indeed I have all confidence  
that He will cause all things to work together for  
the furtherance of your happiness —

I received a  
letter from my dear husband quite lately  
I am thankful to know that his health &  
strength continues — They have been quite as much  
favoured as they could expect in N.Y. — and  
have raised a considerable sum — But they  
can make no definite time for their return  
You must excuse this poorly written letter I  
find it is growing so late that I must soon close  
The girls send much love to you both —

I have had much to occupy my time near  
my return — But am or shall be more at liberty  
Except I shall have time to answer letters to  
answer — do pardon this haste —

Sister B — I enclose the \$5.00 for you to forward  
me with a likeness of you & Bros B — in one frame  
I want it so that I can carry it about with me —  
You are so prompt — I intended to have sent  
you word what I wanted you to do with the money  
you returned to me — I was so sorry that you sent it  
It is quite good — I send you one of the notes that you  
lent — Do say when you can come Adieu for the present  
Dear Sister S. A. Campbell



Monday Evening

Bethany March 8<sup>th</sup> 58

Beloved Sister B —

Your welcome letter was handed me this evening by Deanna — She and her sister V were accompanied on a walk over to Bethany immediately after dinner by your dear son Judson — They went to make several calls and stopped at the post office where they found your letter — I can readily excuse your not writing under all the circumstances — But O I assure you I was disappointed when your beloved son made his appearance without <sup>you</sup> — Nevertheless he was truly a welcome visitor — I assure <sup>you</sup> we had been looking <sup>for him</sup> all day — (I began to have my fears that you could not come) and just as the shades of the evening was gathering I was sitting in my room — (the girls were dressing up stairs to go to a social company at Prof Milligan's) when I heard a knock at the front Hall door — I went out myself and in a moment I recognized his voice — It was a very cold evening — and after drinking



a cup of hot tea & getting through  
roughly warmed off he and Virginia  
went in the sleigh to Prof Milligans  
Deerme had gone just as the sleigh was  
small. They had a pleasant evening. Virginia  
has been quite indisposed - but is recovering.  
They are all enjoying the music in the  
parlor together. I would wish you were  
all here to participate - Judson told me  
to say that he expects to see you in a week  
but Virginia told me to tell you not to  
look for him until you saw him -  
Indeed I do not intend to let him go  
so long as I can keep him - I was hoping  
when he came that he would stay all the  
spring - I can't think of his leaving so soon  
as you speak of - It will be a trial to part  
with them - Still you would have felt  
worse to have been disappointed in regard  
to the appointment - I think it will be of  
great service to Bro Johnson and all  
that go - I think he is calculated to be a  
useful man - His talent for communicating  
is considerable, and can still be cultivated  
O I wish I had such a son! I think I  
should be thankful - He is to lecture



on Egypt in the Morning at Morning  
Class to the Students in the Meeting  
House - Prof. Milligan invited him  
to preach but he declined - O you must  
come & stay as long as you can This Spring  
I do hope that Dr B - will entirely  
meet all the expectations of all in  
regard to the Mint - The Book has proved  
successful and now the consularship  
and I do trust the great undertaking over  
which the Dr has spent so much of his  
valuable time will not fail But <sup>be</sup> equally  
as successful as the two former objects

I am exercising all the patience I can  
during the absence of my dearly beloved hus-  
band I heard from <sup>him</sup> a few days since he had  
taken a cold but was somewhat recovering  
It is uncertain when they can return as  
they have not yet got the help raised though  
they have done wonders considering the times  
The College is going on well 95 or one hundred  
Students still here - I am glad to hear  
Sarah is with you I know that you are  
insuperable spirits - Give my love to her  
also to Robert I wish he was here now  
Tell Sarah I wrote her a long letter



to Washington which I see she has  
not yet gotten - Give my love to  
Mrs Barclay - Tell I wish he could come  
before he leaves for Jerusalem -  
Indeed he owes us a visit - I am sure  
he promised us one as he returned from  
Palmerston Mo - Are you still at Mrs  
Lodgrop - if so remember me kindly to her  
Also to Mr Morgan - I shall be very happy  
to get the likenesses - but do not hurry about  
them - I know they will be good when  
they come - And I shall value them  
I know -

I have much I ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> say had I time or  
~~could~~ <sup>could</sup> see you - But I must content myself for the  
present - Tomorrow evening they are all to spend  
the evening up at Mrs Turner's - On Thursday  
Evening they are to be at Prof Pendleton's -  
Please present my kindest love to sister Rouzee  
when you see her - and say to her that I have  
so much enjoyed that I had not time to answer her  
much appreciated letter - I expect you will write  
one for me - as she offered to do so - But again  
Adieu - Do excuse my hastily written letter  
Yours most truly & affectionately  
J H Campbell



Wheeling Va May 18<sup>th</sup> / 1858

My Dear Sister

I know that my pen will fail  
to communicate to you my feelings at this time  
I came to this city to-day in company with your be-  
loved son Judson. We left Bethany early this morn-  
ing. I parted with him at Mr Pendletons  
about one hour ago, where he called in company  
with Judge Blackiston. I say that I cannot  
either express to you my feelings at not seeing  
you again, before your leaving for Jerusalem  
nor what I felt at parting with him for  
whom I entertain so much unfeigned christian  
affection & such a high regard for his many  
estimable qualities! - I know of none more  
deserving than he is of the highest confidence & esteem  
I still think that could the intimacy formed  
with your family be kept up personally  
that there would be an increasing intimacy. I  
shall still hope that even by pen it may be kept  
up - ~~He will also~~ ~~the present situation~~ ~~the~~  
~~mother of the~~ ~~father~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ -  
He will also apologize to you for my not  
writing to you in response to your last. I



had not time to write previous to  
leaving home - and now embrace the opportunity  
from this place - I regret exceedingly that  
I am compelled to do so hurriedly by a  
written scroll - But trust you will never the-  
less accept of it the expression of <sup>the</sup> ~~very~~ unfeigned  
feeling of my heart! - I trust the Lord will  
bless you & yours - and that you all will  
prove blessings to others - I hope the field will  
be large for your labours - I shall hope that  
your sons will visit us after some time again  
I cannot think of them ~~leaving~~ this country  
without the hope of their soon returning -

Judson will tell you how desirous Mr  
Campbell & myself are to visit Jerusalem - Should  
the time <sup>ever</sup> arrive that ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> can so arrange our  
matters to leave, - Nothing would afford us greater pleasure  
than to visit you in this dear country - If I had  
had the opportunity when young of visiting the Holy-  
Land how gladly would I have embraced it My  
enthusiasm would have led me to have made  
many sacrifices - Oh! how I should love to  
walk over those hallowed spots, where our  
Saviour travelled & laboured! But my dearly  
beloved sister should we never be permitted to  
meet in the earthly Jerusalem - I trust



we shall have a glorious meeting in  
the Heavenly Jerusalem above - when  
all our trials & shall have an end! —

You will please give my earnest love to  
sister Williams and sister Denniss and brother  
Denniss — I have given to Judson's case for  
sister ~~Judson~~ Williams seventy-eight dollars  
which with my own contribution I have  
received since I last remitted money to her — I  
think it likely I shall not be able to send her  
much more as it has not come in just for some  
time just — I think it likely they think she will  
be provided for by the Missionary Board — At any  
rate — I feel as though I must turn the the  
current if I can to the interests of the Aethi-  
opian Society — But Judson will speak to you  
about it and I will not trouble you on the  
subject further!

You must give much love to dear Sarah  
for me — I hope her little babe will entirely recover  
and that it will be a great comfort to her in that  
distant land — I am anxiously desiring to see her  
book — I feel assured that it will be interesting  
Oh my dear sister — I cannot but feel  
sad that we are to be separated so far  
for I assure you that I do love you and dear



Mr Bodley with all your most  
sincerely & ardently - And may I add  
that I do know that all the rest of my  
family most highly appreciate you &  
yours - I am truly glad that Mr Johnston  
and Hudson when honored with the position  
given to them I feel confident they  
will do honor to their Country!!  
I hope they will still be preparing  
themselves for higher fields of usefulness  
in their Masters vineyard - I believe  
they are both gifted - and there is  
no telling the amount of good they  
may accomplish - as they advance in  
years -

I hope my dear sister that you  
will pardon this incoherent epistle - I  
have written it by scraps - comparing calling  
and not being at all well - so that I can  
scarcely connect correctly to - gether two  
sentences - My husband will write with  
me in earnest prayers for your prosperity  
and usefulness - You will ever be dear to our  
hearts!! Forget not to pray for us - May the  
blessing of God the Father rest upon you with the  
communion of Jesus - and the comfort of the

Wm. Affix advice with all of your is



Bethany Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1858

My Beloved Sister Barclay

How my heart had been longing  
and aching to be traced by your own dear hand. I cannot  
now tell. But this hour often has my heart turned to General  
could I summate! Suffice it for this present to say that  
your prayers are treasured up in my heart warmest affections  
and that have not been forgotten by me, when presenting  
manifold request at the "Meay Luth". On my return  
from attending with my husband the Midwinter Convention  
I found amongst writing my return more than a dozen of  
letters from dear friends amongst which none was more  
welcome to my eye than one from you well known  
to me my beloved sister B. I need scarcely tell you  
how often you as a family were talked of and many  
prayers do I have offered in your behalf. A letter came  
from your beloved husband during the Convention was  
in session. There never has been a more harmonious  
and happy meeting amongst our Brethren than the one  
so lately attended. I presume however the particulars  
of which will be sent you and you will have received  
them ere this reaches you.

I accompanied my husband  
for as Burlington Key to attend a protracted meeting there  
in session. Mr. Campbell had been quite unwell during  
the Convention from having taken some blue pills. But from  
my nursing together taking a little gentle medicine the indispo-  
sition had passed away and he in company with Professor  
Pendleton proceeded to attend a meeting at Hapkenville Key  
where the brethren were expecting them. And where they spent



to raise funds for Bethany College - They expect to ~~be~~ absent  
until the 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec - But have been for several days just  
enduring great anxiety not having heard a word from them  
since my return - I fear that my husband has taken cold  
and that they are suffering to write - I hope that I may hear  
good intelligence this evening that I may communicate it to  
you before closing this letter - Oh! how many are the trying  
circumstances we are placed under, all of which is necessary to  
try our faith in God - and that we run to Him and call Him  
Father and telling of our entire dependence upon and of  
the need of His kind aid - I realize this more & more daily  
I sympathize with you, and can in a measure my dear sister  
enter into your anxieties and dangers - I hope the prayers  
of Gods people in your behalf will be heard - and that no  
evil shall befall you - But how distressing it must be to  
live in terror of being surrounded by such hardened creatures  
Don't you think Sister B. that it was very imprudent  
for dear Miss Crosby to be out so late in the evening?  
It was exposing herself unnecessarily - Poor dear creature  
what must have been her suffering while she had her  
senses - But I presume it was a sudden death and all was  
soon over - I trust she was ready for the change - I hope  
now that you have gotten in to your own house or else  
gotten into the city - I think you ought not to have risked  
so long being on Mt. Olivet - I would ask the question dear  
sister - if you do not think that the prospects for Missions  
are very discouraging? I do not like to say so but for the  
present it looks so to me! Do you think that any thing can be  
done for the Jews at the present? I am very careful not to  
express any sentiment of the kind publicly

I heard of a letter



that Bro Derris sent to the Board. It was received a day or two before I left. The contents created a good deal of concern with one or two of the members of the Board - with whom I conversed. It was unexpected to them. They said there was "misunderstanding" about it. Bro D. said they were indebted to him for services having been engaged by Dr Barclay to act as a Missionary after he left. They did not understand it. He Bro D. quoted from something I had written in a letter blaming them. I recollect saying something very earnest - but what I cannot now say. I thought I recollect that he had visited Bro B. whilst there and had not been sufficiently remunerated for it. But it is of such a delicate nature that I must leave it as the Board will give their own views of the misunderstanding. I mentioned that I had heard that Bro B. had written to him to see something of his to aid him - and I remember that the Dr. then was here that he had applied to the Board for him - I hope he and his family are well. From Sister Williams I saw from Bro B. last letter in the Review that she was ill at Goffa and that Robert had gone down to attend to her. I am exceedingly waiting to hear from her - I am thinking perhaps the Lord may think proper to remove her to his "upper kingdom" & release her from all the trials and cares of earth!! What a glorious change for herself it would be to be introduced into the society of Angels - and of the "spirits" the just made perfect!! Oh how great the change from earth to Heaven must be! No hunger no more! No thirst no more! No fear no more! No more to feel weary or a pain of body or mind!! No sin - No pain! Oh how immensely transporting & enrapturing the thought that such will be the condition of all the redeemed of the Lord - This earth and all its joys are trifles light as air compared with these celestial things and joy - I should



& congratulate Miss Moore on her having accepted  
 this divine vocation. Oh how infinitely precious must  
 be the joy & what she derived from the meetings and teachings.  
 Of me, whose only aspiration was a little bit of earthly fame.  
 All the thought and not admittance a moment can find to a guilty  
 conscience of profane joy after death in taking in the  
 sting of sin. But to be able to call the Saviour his  
 to know that he approves her ways - is what can give lasting joy  
 and true peace. When you write to dear Susan and  
 Johnstown give my most affectionate love to them and  
 to Father. Do you think he will return to attend to his father's  
 business in the region of a year from the time he left? Will  
 any friend attend to brother Barclay's Mint affair? I should  
 think it ought not to be your wife - How does Sarah like being  
 at Beirut? If all danger was removed it would be pleasant  
 I hope that nothing will arise from the execution of  
 those Dixon matters. Do write often and let us know all  
 the particulars. I wish here the daughters to write when  
 they get home from Ry. They have been on a visit there  
 since left I expect them home this week or next. They  
 visited the "Mammoth Cave" in company with 20 others - or 18  
 20 in all. Virginia wrote me a description of her visit I  
 thought it was so descriptive & interesting that I had it inserted  
 in the M. Harbinger. It is creating quite an excitement  
 and giving the grounds. But you will see it in the M.  
 I hope that you get the Harbinger regularly. I noticed  
 in Bro Barclay's last letter that you had heard twice  
 from America. I hope one of the letters was from  
 myself. I wrote you a long letter expecting it to be in  
 time to meet you at General's. It was well directed  
 by the Clerk and I cannot think it would miss you. My  
 love to Bro B. Robert your niece if with you and to sister  
 Williams if living. Yours in the Lord & affectionately, J. W. C.



Barclay, Julia Ann, 1813-1908. Correspondence - Incoming. From Selina Huntington Campbell. 1859.



Bethany March 11<sup>th</sup> 1859

My Dearly Beloved Sister Barclay

How various

are the feelings and thoughts of my heart, when I take up my pen to address you - I think of the precious past interviews - of the immense distance that you are from <sup>us</sup> of your engagements & many many other considerations not to be noted - Will my dear I trust you are and see yours - enjoy the rich the glorious presence of our Heavenly Father & the Grace of our Blessed Saviour and the Comfort of the Holy Spirit daily. If such be your intention I am sure that you are happy - whatever trials or difficulties you are exposed to in that far distant land - But I can imagine that you are so happy in seeking to do good all the while that your souls enjoy a constant



least - O sister B. - what I felt on reading  
the death of dear sister Williams - I thought  
of all her trials & suffering from which she was  
now freed - and of the celestial enjoyment  
she was inheriting - I loved her truly for the  
truth sake - she had a noble heart and a  
capacious mind - which now & forever can  
be expressed in the contemplation of the glories  
of Heaven - Her Obituary as written by brother  
Challen will appear in the March No. of the  
M. H. I appended a few of my own thoughts  
to the notice. I have also concluded to appropriate  
the sum of money I had on hands to Bro Den-  
is - which was forty dollars received as dona-  
tions since that sent by bro Judson to her  
I have mailed a check to-day to Bro Bishop  
to be sent to the Barings of London for him  
I thought she would rather it be disposed  
of in that way than any other - Will you  
on bro Barclay's return write to (or see Bro  
Denis and inform him of the fact and give  
my Christian love to him & his wife -



I heard through Bro Genes of Cin<sup>ti</sup> that the Board had voted him \$200,00 since Bro D- appeal to them. Mr Campbell could not do any more than he did. They thought that Bro D- was not a regularly employed missionary and that they were not under obligation to pay a regular salary. I do feel very much for Bro D- but it appears that there was a misunderstanding in regard to his engagement by the Board. Still I have such an idea of his devotedness that I could wish that much more could have been spent on him -

I see from Bro Barclay's letter Nov<sup>r</sup> that the prospects amongst the Jews is not so bright as could be wished. Still great things may yet arise. His labours may yet <sup>be</sup> greatly blessed. You know there is expectation abroad concerning Israel. And more attention is paid to them and they have more privileges than they ever had before. I do think that Christians in this highly



favoured land ought to pray for them  
more & more earnestly

In regard to our ever  
visiting that dear spot - I still think it doubt-  
ful. Mr Campbell is advancing in years  
& responsibilities still rest heavily upon  
him in regard to the college - to say nothing  
of all of the other manifold obligations  
in regard to the Church - and the correct-  
ions of many things that ought to be writ-  
ten upon & made during his life time  
amongst the brotherhood in the Reformation  
these and many other considerations press  
upon <sup>him</sup> so that at times he cannot but feel  
oppressed - We were all ready and expect-  
ing to leave home for the South to  
visit Miss Alabama D.C. & to collect for  
Bethany College still more funds to rebuild  
the main building - when Mr Campbell  
unexpectedly was taken ill with something  
like pneumonia - he has been very much  
indisposed for more than 4 weeks - but







daughters are going to remain at home  
all spring to keep house for me in my  
absence. Virginia will superintend the  
gardens and attend to her flowers so that  
she will be busily engaged. I do not know  
that she is any nearer being enrolled on  
the married list than when you saw  
her. I begin to think Deanna has more  
thought in regard to domestic concerns  
than she had. But of this I am not cer-  
tain. My greatest anxiety in relation  
to them is if I know anything of my  
own heart is that they may become  
more obedient & consistent Christians as  
they grow older. Nothing will stand the  
test but true piety & devotion to our  
God. When life sinks apace and  
Death is in view. The word of His  
grace will comfort us through O  
My beloved sister. What a glorious  
thought that we shall rise again.



when these bodies shall have crumbled  
down to dust, and live in immortal youth  
is quite sufficient to excite our zeal  
our devotion & love - and to enable us  
to endure hardships as soldiers of Jesus  
What poor creatures we are at best - and  
at what a poor dying rate do we live  
I begin to feel that we really can live  
more spiritually and above the things  
of time than we do. At least I am daily  
striving to make advances in the Divine  
life and to overcome the world - and to have  
the Inner life renewed and enlarged -  
Self denial is an important matter with  
me. "Deny the flesh and walk with God"  
is the command And so we should that  
is true pleasure all else is a phantom  
a delusion, a cheat, to our souls - "Open  
thine eyes to behold wondrous things  
out of thy law" was the desire of the King of  
Israel - and should be the constant desire



of the Christian's heart - But whether I  
am running, my heart is full and I feel  
assured that it meets a response in yours  
and indeed of all your dear family - But I  
must ask after dear Sarah & husband the  
beloved babe. I hope it is well - and dear Sarah  
has left the impress of her mind (in her precious  
book) on me in America - It is highly prized  
and greatly celebrated - and deservedly so - My  
love for reading increases with my years - What  
of your beloved Robert - But I need not select  
any one - For I cannot tell which I love best of  
all of you - Only I feel as though your dear dear  
heart swells up, & wells over in unison with  
my own so much - that I feel as though you  
were dearer to me than any one of a Christian  
female friend on earth besides - O how will  
that be joyful when we meet in that bright  
world when the very angels themselves will feel  
their joy enhanced at seeing ours & and of hearing  
our songs of deliverance - What praises & hallelu-  
ias sung to Him that has washed us & redeemed  
us by his own blood - But my sheet is full again  
& I must soon come to the parting word. How  
hard it is for me even at this distance to say  
farewell - but the word implies Fare you well that  
is what I will say - Much love is sent by M<sup>r</sup> -  
the daughter and all to you & your beloved family  
of the God of Jacob be with you I H<sup>is</sup> C<sup>on</sup>plac<sup>ed</sup>



Bethany July 21<sup>st</sup> 1859

My, Dear & Beloved Sister Barclay

I, your most affectionate  
and I need not say most welcome letter, <sup>came to hand</sup> the other evening  
I had been anxiously waiting to hear from you, & yours  
I must congratulate you <sup>on it</sup> the suitable & happy marriage  
of dear Sarah - I can imagine however how hard  
for you to part with her even under the most auspicious  
circumstances - she has been so immediately under your guidance  
care that you will hardly feel like relinquishing the  
sole control of her - But you will not have to do  
as many a mother gives up for her to go far away  
from you - this indeed I think you could not do  
I wish them a life of usefulness & happiness - Under the  
Government of the precious Saviour - whom they both  
propose to serve -

I hope to hear of the fullest success of  
 dear Bro Bondy's experiments in regard to the coin.  
 I hope he will be entirely successful in the publication  
 of the important work on hand. The M. H. Linger  
 will be open to announce its coming at any time.

I hope that you will be so favoured that you will all sail together as it would be trying for any of you to be separated. It would be very happying to Mr C and myself to go there if it were in our power. The time it takes is remarkably short to go there now.



I quote from a late paper lying before me  
The time it is said it takes is only a month  
from Philadelphia to Jerusalem—First to Liverpool  
11 days; thence to Marseilles 4 days; thence to Alexandria. 8  
thence to Jaffa 2 days and from Jaffa to the Holy City on  
horse-back 2 days.— Do you see from the foregoing statement what  
can be achieved in so short a time! Do you think that will be  
the route Dr B. will take—? Sister Barclay I feel strongly  
inclined to visit Philadelphia before you leave—I have suggested  
it to Mr Campbell—he appears to coincide with me with provided  
he could accomplish it—But both he and myself are so much  
oppressed for time—that we know not what to do—Mr Campbell thinks  
he cannot leave until he gets through with the translation which  
he hopes will now be in a week or two—last night he sat up  
until 3 o'clock to prepare the proofs to be sent by this morning  
mail—he was engaged all day yesterday in deliberation on important  
matters relative to the College so that he was obliged to defer it  
until night—As for myself my health is very much run down  
more so that it ever was before the exertion & labour has been  
to much for me through the spring & summer—adding a great  
amount of the loss of sleep—am now for some two or three days  
together unable to attend to my domestic affairs—I am troubled  
with a womb complaint and have been for years so that over-  
fatigue begins to prostrate me now that I am growing older & by  
cannot revive so easily as I used to do—I have been obliged to  
change servants this spring—those I had went to housekeeping  
and an excellent cook I had engaged took the measles a short  
time before our Commencement and I was left without a suitable  
cook or indeed scarcely any but myself and one or two old



persons who came in to assist. It was estimated that there  
was a larger number of persons at our Commencement  
than at any other time. We have been thinking of visiting  
Somerset in the Mountains of Peru - but Bro Black  
not now being there now - there is not so much induc-  
ment to go - We shall I think be able next week to know  
what course we will take - We have never been without  
company since the 4<sup>th</sup> we have a niece with several children  
still with us - one of them has been quite unwell so that  
she could not return home as yet - We shall likely shut  
up most of the house and take the girls & Willie with  
us - Irish Sarah was here to see the Oil paintings  
Quima brought home with her, as some of her work which  
at Conandigua - 4 or 5 of them are large - one a Moun-  
tain scenery one a fishing scene and a sunset scenery  
I C & C - I am sure Sarah would enjoy them, her  
taste being of the same kind - They are admired by all  
that see them - I must tell you that I have the fine picture  
Dr Barclay presented to me when here - "Modern Jerusalem" very  
handsomely framed - it is greatly admired - it was not a little  
strange that while it was at the furniture shop in Wheeling  
to be framed that Dr Hullihen (now deceased) saw it and  
admired it so much that he had a sketch taken of it - By the  
way Dr Gardett of your city is said to be a devoted friend of Dr  
Hullihen & family - Does Dr Gardett ever go to our church?  
He is a great admirer of Mr Campbell, and he is said to  
be a very excellent gentleman, but has little or no  
faith in the systems of Religion of the present day -  
It is thought he could be brought into the church.



Church if proper means were taken - I should  
like for Mr Campbell to visit for the sake of the  
good he might do here - He wrote Mr C a most  
gracious invitation when in New-York last fall  
but he had to hurry home on account of the opening of  
the College - Sister B - I perfectly agree with you in the  
readiness of our brethren in regard to Missions matters - I find  
those that are wiser in regard to the salvation of those abroad  
are also in different about those at home, Mr C thinks he  
could make a good article for the W.H. out of the statements  
you have made of the liberality of those persons to their preaching  
at the Sunday school - Mr C intends the Lord will  
to be at the Missionary Society in Oct. and by special request  
to make the opening address - I trust it will be an earnest  
one on the occasion - All things concurring I hope to be  
with them - I send you enclosed money that you can use  
and pay over when you get to Jerusalem. The following sums  
\$15.00 to Sister Denney as an expression of my love for her  
& her sufferings in the good cause. also \$5.00 to Sister  
Williams - from myself - I shall have more to send you  
before you start - say some of friends at least -  
as donations received -

Mr Campbell desires much love to you  
Sister B - Sister Johnstone & husband - also your sons - Virginia  
and Decima desires congratulations & kindest remembrance -  
Decima says what if she would go to Philadelphia & full in  
love with one of your sons - Well I am sure that I would  
have no objection. My <sup>prayer</sup> shall be for all of you - your prospering  
usefulness & happiness - Please present Mr C with mine, and  
love & kindest regards to Mrs & Sister Rautzer - Mrs & Sister Meyers  
Mrs & Sister Challen - Believe me dear sister your devoted friend  
J. H. Campbell



Barclay, Julia Ann, 1813-1908. Correspondence - Incoming. From Selina Huntington Campbell. 1860-77.



Bethany Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1868

My Dearly Beloved Sister Barclay

I purposed writing immediately on my return from the over the pond Meeting in Cent. which I accompanied my husband. But so numerous have been my interruptions I have been obliged to procrastinate until the present. My time has never been more occupied. The sickness & death of a very excellent Methodist Lady (the wife of the Doctrin for the College) has engaged my attention to gether with the preparations for my daughter's departure with her husband & children accompanied by daughter Virginia to the South - where they expect to remain until Spring my son will return in a few weeks - My daughter Enlow has another lovely daughter 3 Months old she has now 4 children - Now my Beloved Sister I mention the foregoing by way of apology for not writing immediately on my return from Cent. During all the distressing accounts from Syria I thought surely that you would all return to this country - and if you did not I felt strong confidence in the God of Jacob being your protection & the rock of your defense. I never



could realize that your family would suffer - But  
dear Sarah must have suffered greatly the shock of  
her nerves - I hope ere this she is returned to her usual  
health - How dear Brother Johnston must have felt  
very much afflicted indeed in her illness - but I do  
trust many years of usefulness will be allotted to them  
both - And so dear Robert is no longer - Well give  
him my love & congratulations - I love and admire  
him & think the lady of his choice most happy -  
And shall we have the pleasure of seeing our  
beloved John ere long - he is a noble pure heart  
& spirit - I told my daughter Devere that would  
have liked him for a son-in-law - she remarked  
that she never had the chance of him - Well  
I would fain hope that whatever may be their  
destiny on earth, they may find Heaven at last  
I look forward to the glorious meeting above, when  
all the sorrows & disappointments of earth shall be  
over - then we shall feast on never dying joys,  
and live in rising & perpetual bliss -  
I have been greatly delighted lately with the article  
your beloved husband forwarded for the M. Harlan  
- on phreology & the Jews - It was not a  
little singular that Mr. Campbell had resumed



that topic - just as it arrived - I think all the need  
and in the Monthly will be pleased & edified - I have  
been in correspondence with a converted Jew from  
Hungary now living in New York - who is the  
only Jew in the United States (and perhaps out of  
it) who published a paper advocating Christianity  
he has been a Christian some 18 or 19 years - and yet  
so little interest is felt for him that he can scarcely  
keep his paper going - It is only one dollar per  
year - entitled the "Israelite Indeed" - He is, and his  
wife also excellent persons - A sister of Mr Campbell  
knew him in New York - and Bro Pickett called  
to see him when there a year ago - So much to  
make good what Dr Barclay said as it respects  
the indifference to the interests of the children  
of Abraham - We never had however a more joyful  
Missionary Meeting - Why it is worth all the money  
subscribed to get such a loving Meeting into operation  
But for myself I have not the shadow of a doubt  
as to the utility & importance, of such meetings  
to send the Gospel to dark places of the earth - "O that  
Jesus the Lord spoke often one to another and there  
was a book of remembrance kept for that thought  
upon his name" - At the close of the meeting there



Proceed to the next sheet —

This paper slipped - and did not discover it till I had finished my letter. In haste to write with numerous interruptions I have written this since dinner and the sun is just declining behind the hills a bright fall evening - We have had fine weather for several weeks the weather was most favorable during our meeting at Centerville. I should like to send you a few barrels of small sized Apples to enjoy - It has been one of the best seasons for fruit in this country known. For many years - Fruit of all kinds. Although I am growing old - I have not lost my taste in the least. My birth day was this day one week ago - the 12 inst - 58. Wrote have passed over - since my health never was better. I am now in my 59th - Mr. C. will have been married the first time just 50 years next March the 1st if he lives to see it - and next July we will have been married one third of a century 33 years. Many are urging me to have a celebration - but I do not know what it be silver or Gold <sup>one</sup> over the one not quite up to the other - I thought I was told some time as long as 30 years & other said in 50 - and so I ought to pass it - But all is uncertainty many sleep off yet to bring the time till next summer. Mr. Campbell's health is & has been very good.



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bad event he met with a few months since. His  
wife was lighting a lamp - and a spark fell on her  
dress - it being of light material she was soon enveloped  
in a blaze - He was present & attempted to extinguish  
it - but she was so much burnt, that it caused her  
death the next day after suffering agonizing pains.  
Mr. Long followed it to raise his hand & head fully bent  
in his endeavor to extinguish the flames. Truly  
many a life is sacrificed in the midst of life as we are in  
death but how important how awfully solemnly  
important that we should remember "Lamps  
turned and burning" that we may be ready to  
enter into that rest where the Master shall  
attend for us! - Dear Sister the trials that we  
to see to be right certainly do not our hold upon  
us and earthly things. We should remember  
that here we have no continuing city but we  
seek one to come in our country  
is in a state of desolation and to know that if  
there is no other country to greatly blessed had  
we suddenly appeared. It is indeed a  
will also develop the hearts of many many  
those we thought the preservation of  
the King & good will to man & his bit worth  
and the spirit of war! Many say unite  
in the South that the Negroes feel that the country  
go as it may. These are the feelings of Lincoln's  
party. Many of our preachers have gone into  
the South. Many many many places that  
it is right for Christians to go to work. Does



Democrats should be as good as dead  
as the party of Christians fighting to save  
the Government & the Flag of our country & to  
keep the Union broken and reunite  
and carry the cement they talk about to  
the "Rebels" & the "seceding states" and  
should not know or recognize that the  
Union the Rights of State & Liberty all these  
things Democrats in the North that support  
in the North they would not touch the Union  
whom God is giving the right of the  
freedom from slavery but their right  
may let them go free without contracting  
to pay and to pay the money and to  
the great Disfranchisement of the South  
in the North & the draft of the last year  
operation on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 1864 & the  
the Southern States is that of the  
were to be used and others to be used  
City of Richmond to make them know  
and to be used and to be used this is a  
report of General Beauregard that the  
of the South is a great victory and  
filled with men over the North who  
the best of the State Rights. It is the  
another great battle and the South is  
standing firm. I think it is right that the  
of Davis will try to take it by force that he  
not want to fight if the North would let them  
enjoy their own government they are determined  
and I am sure it is our interest to be in them



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Bethany Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dr J. J. Barclay

Dear Beloved Brother

You have long been dear to us all - but now it is possible doubly dear - since filling the relationship that you do to my beloved child - Every day I am more & more penetrated with the thought of God's signal goodness to us all in regard to the whole matter - So many blessings appear to concentrate in the vision of your beloved son - and my dear daughter - I have not one misgiving about it - only that "Idolatry" that your beloved wife alluded to in her last letter - I must confess - there is danger of that still under your kind fatherly care I shall hope - they will be guarded against forgetting - the Giver of all the good they enjoy - I trust the lives of the dear children will be devoted to usefulness - let them be placed where they may be engaged in whatever pursuits they may!! - Sometimes I almost feel overwhelmed - at the thought of the great distance of the separation and the length of time still to come without seeing their dear faces - Then I call into exercise faith & hope - and thus comfort myself that the same kind hand that has guided & guided thus far, is still able to accomplish all that we can desire! - You must feel comforted in having your children so near you all filling important positions - The Christian influence that



they with you, shed upon the society  
around you cannot now be appreciated  
It no doubt, will sow good seed that  
will bring forth fruit by and by.  
I trust you are diving into the pro-  
phesies and will bring out of your store-  
house that which will interest. We  
no doubt live in an eventful time  
There are truly "wars and rumors of  
wars" - something must be approaching  
or rather we are approaching it that will  
interest a world - God is carrying out  
His wise designs - and will accomplish  
all His divine will - Be that what it  
may - We Christians (if faithful) are  
safe - let whatever take place - We  
must be watching & waiting for the  
Master's coming -

We had a Scotch  
Baptist brother to spend sometime with  
us not long since - He has written a work  
on some of the prophetic writing - In  
relation to the coming of the Lord  
and the Battle of Armageddon - I have  
sent you by mail a copy of it - which I  
hope you will get - The year 66 is an  
eventful period with him - I do not  
pretend to judge how correct he is - Still  
Mr Campbell dwells greatly upon that  
period of time as taking in much  
that relates to the world's history - I  
often wish that Mr Campbell had  
written more definitely on the  
subject than he has - He has always  
intended to do so but has not as fully as  
I could wish - He does not wish to affirm  
too definitely on the subject - I know  
your mind is busy - and it is more

Mrs. Alex. Campbell.

not the nations upon the Lord's day



of course, these. Mr. L. is now - I therefore  
hope from your facilities - you will make  
these subjects generally more studies - Mr  
L. mentions of getting & please have failed  
his health is good and he is vigorous for  
some of his age & the labor he has under-  
gone - I trust of his energy & perseverance  
that last week the College commenced  
and he in his usual manner spoke of  
resuming his lectures for the College.  
But I have within a day or so succeeded  
in convincing him that it was too much  
for him to undertake now that the  
winter is setting in - I have convinced him  
that it would be too arduous for him to undertake  
to be there by & collect & lecture as for-  
merly - He him, who goes occasionally is  
all that can be expected - Bro Coleman  
said when last I heard (the year before the  
war commenced) that he ought to give up  
his labor & merely superintend it occa-  
sionally! Poor Brother Coleman we have not  
heard since to from him for a long time. They  
were well when last I heard from - But I  
will tell you that B. College has opened  
this session under most favorable cir-  
cumstances - that it has done since the  
commencement of the war - The cloud in  
regard to our distressed country is still  
dark & lowering - and no hopes of it being  
lifted up - Heeds if men are given  
forth to still engaged. Thousands of  
families are beggared by the Yankee - whole  
towns of the North are wrecked by the  
spoils brought from the South - Pearls  
- Silver Jewelry silk dresses - women's  
clothes - and things too numerous to mention  
They say they "capture" them but it  
only another name for stealing.



Bethany Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear ~~dear~~ Sister Barclay

Receipt of

Many many thanks for your most interesting and most cheering letter. It had dated the 9<sup>th</sup> and was received on the 12 of the month. I gave you a long letter (a few days ago) and so I have deferred this letter to the present time - Every word of yours was truly precious - It comforted me and I feel the blessing my dear the enjoyment of it so great I feel that I cannot thank you enough. I trust I look up to Heaven with grateful gratitude for such singular favors. Every letter in constant is of great value to me. Oh the comfort it is to my heart that such mutual love exists amongst you all. I feel assured that it is not feigned - but real without the least hypocrisy. I am sure I could not love dear Addison more than I do. It is every thing that I could wish. I recollect well the opinion I formed of him when I heard him lecture for three or four weeks at the Sunday School - My heart was ever yearning over (and it did so) until I had to give him up, where he married. But you know I never argued matters for fear of defeating my object. So I will be well off in the heart of the dear dear dear. I live my heart needs fall - or I could write on. Don't let the Barnet told me she got a good letter from you lately. I require one from good sister Rowan. I hope that you are not very poor. I hope you are not long since. Kiss the dear children for me over & over.



(Wednesday)

Bethany Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

Don is going  
to Wheeling  
I am by him

My Dearly Beloved

Sister Julia Barelog

Yours

memory has been warmly cherished in  
my poor heart. and that of dear Emma's  
bearing you before the Mercy seat of  
our Father in heaven is mine  
I heard of your great, and sore affliction  
in the death of dear Robert - Oh I  
have a faint idea of your loneliness  
without his kind cheering presence -  
I often very often in my thought visit  
the graves of dear father & the son  
I remember them so well in the  
meeting of our little Church -  
The fatherly voice, with the instru-  
-tive lessons - resounds in my ears  
And it is like a dream I cannot  
realize it - that it is all in the  
past - I shall see, nor hear them



dear little  
girls  
Glad  
and  
Lillian  
when  
you  
write  
and  
also  
to you  
daughters  
and  
husband  
when  
you  
write  
give love  
to Emma  
and kiss  
pleased  
Mabel  
and my  
namesake  
for me  
love to  
come to  
counth is done - Oh what a  
loss for it should be to us who  
linger still on the shores of time  
To be ready - at a moments  
warning - for in such an hour  
as we think not the "Son of Man"  
cometh" yet he comes to us all in  
death - May our garments be  
washed and clean and ready  
for the great supper of the  
Lamb! When he shall gather  
out of all nations tribes and  
tongues all have that have be-  
loved honored and obeyed  
him - Oh my sister afflic-  
tions are the lot of mortals  
I thought I had many years  
ago - but they were not to  
be all - I am still afflicted  
But the Lord upholds me  
and I trust will untie the



for me  
have to  
all  
at  
Engle-  
side  
Your  
Devoted  
loving  
sister  
in the  
Lord  
Jesus  
Christ  
Mrs  
Alyona  
Lanaphier

Closing hour comes to give me  
a sweet release from the body  
with all its cares & concerns! I  
cannot hardly bear to think I shall  
never see Engleside again. But  
I do think so. I remember the very  
happy hours spent with you all  
in and they are dear to my memory  
I love you all and constantly  
pray for you all. I am longing  
to get over to the dear old home  
hoping I may be permitted to die  
there and then be buried! I have  
been ill with the worst cold I ever had  
but I am now on the recovery way  
in kindness & attention I could wish is  
given me. I walk out once or twice  
every day. It is fine sunshine here -  
though frosts at night. I took cold  
washing out a pocket handkerchief in some  
little tank and went with my wrists  
exposed into the other room that  
was what brought it on - I was well



all the winter before I could  
walk once to the study & stand  
for hours and never took a cold  
Nannie is not yet confined - her mother  
will remain with her until some  
time in the warm weather - the effort  
to go to Louisville - Oh dear I had the  
hope of dear Emma coming but it is  
so uncertain about the sale of lands  
I was so thankful to the Lord to see  
my son Alexander in the flesh  
after more his escape was almost  
a miracle - He bears his disappointment  
well - I had a letter from dear Dean  
yesterday written the day after he left  
Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> it came the quickest  
of any that come this winter - I got my  
trunks they cost something from Car-  
roll and getting them from the Depot to the  
River & over the River but not much  
I send you enclosed an Article from  
an Old Staunton paper I found on the  
ground - written ten years ago it is a  
production about Miss Baldwin's  
school - it came true - I read  
it with interest - gone home to the



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one hundred & 30 dollars, - I sent it to her  
before I left home the last of Oct - I was truly glad  
to hear that she had received it - I have been much  
engaged in writing for her since my return home  
I have raised and sent her \$1,15 dollars  
which I hope she will soon get - as it has been  
sent over a month ago - I wrote to a brother in New  
York - and the sisters raised me \$50.50 at there  
I have written to my daughter in law and my son  
now in Louisiana to make collections amongst  
their rich friends there - and they write me they  
will do all they can for me - They know well my  
anxieties about her - I expect them home  
after the middle of April we shall be thank-  
full and happy if they return safely - I have the  
addition of another ~~little~~ <sup>little</sup> grand daughter  
since they have been on their visit to Louisiana  
they have named her for my beloved Margaret my  
first born - who passed away in her early bloom  
I trust to a more congenial sphere - Sister  
Williams taught her to strike the musical  
chord first - Oh I trust she is an assistant



in striking the surf and swelling the  
an ~~things~~ of France - in the best the ~~hundred~~  
land of ~~England~~ above - I am sure ~~there~~  
in progress - I ~~used~~ to be sent to our sister  
will ~~not~~ - ~~your~~ ~~very~~ ~~kind~~ ~~and~~ ~~affectionate~~ ~~friend~~ ~~and~~ ~~brother~~  
Mum ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
I am quite glad that I think it will be  
read ~~and~~ ~~stop~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
had ~~not~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
They will be ~~not~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
I have the pleasure of  
I have written a history of the ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
make our ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
I am sure ~~there~~  
to return he did wish to ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
to him - But ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
devoted to the work yet - I must hasten to a close  
as I must hasten to our ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
this afternoon - I think it will do much good as it  
brings us ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
to enjoy it with us - They have ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~  
president - I have the privilege of selecting the  
book to be read - We have been much pleased with  
the ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~England~~ ~~above~~ - I am sure ~~there~~



I think there can be no doubt  
 if <sup>it</sup> can be carried into effect that  
 it will <sup>be</sup> ~~invaluable~~ <sup>invaluable</sup> to the Nation - And  
 I certainly think no person could be  
 more deserving of its avails than your  
 husband - you have our best wishes  
 for your success - Do let me hear  
 from you soon with all the particulars  
 Sister Burnett said that she was  
 expecting you there on your way  
 to the west - I had only a short  
 interview ~~as~~ as we only remained a few  
 hours and she happened to be in the city  
 she informed me that Sister Williams  
 had concluded to return at last and expects  
 to start in August homeward - I shall not  
~~forget~~ ~~forget~~ ~~forget~~ that I have collected for  
 her, but keep it till she comes - as she  
 would likely miss it - So thanks brother &  
 Sister Burnett - I shall give Sister  
 Williams a hearty welcome though



I have had to defend her often very  
often as having left us - saying  
that she is a Millerite & C & C -  
All of which has not shaken my  
confidence in her as a Christian  
and worthy of our sympathies

I hope to reach home this evening  
and now must bring my epistle to  
a close - I left daughter Virginia  
and Caroline ~~Henry~~ to keep house for  
me - We are expecting Bro & Sister  
Coleman in a few days - and friends  
from Georgia to visit and also from N.Y.  
so that I shall be in as great a crowd  
at home as I have been abroad - I feel  
sometimes that my nervous system will  
give out - as I suffer exceedingly with  
my head - but the thoughts of doing a  
little good animates ~~to~~ <sup>me</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup>  
it all - Mr Campbell joins me in  
love ~~unfeigned~~ <sup>unfeigned</sup> to you all ~~for~~  
Christ sake - May every blessing attend  
you and your Unchangeably yours



all my ~~beason~~ before me  
all the time - I intend to have  
frame in Mahogany - I have not yet  
had an opportunity of getting my  
daughters likenesses taken but they  
shall be forth coming - by the  
time that you return - As  
for mine I have always been loth  
to have it taken - not feeling that  
it is of any importance for any  
person to have it - But as you  
desire it shall send you one  
taken in haste some time ago -  
Mr Campbell's I think a good  
one - Mine is rather sombre  
Myself and your friends here  
will anxiously await your  
return - to ~~Beetham~~ - You must  
write me the precise time you  
will expect to be in Wheeling  
and if possible I shall meet  
you there - There is a

I will take good care of your likeness



universal desire to have  
the Panorama here after  
the Lesperon Commences—  
you will have the  
goodness to write to your  
sons to make their arrange-  
ments to be here for certain  
the fall— I will assure  
them of a large attendance  
Do not fail to insist on  
their coming—

I do promise my-  
self so much pleasure in again  
having you at Bethany— It  
appears like a pleasant dream  
that you have been here— Your  
visit was too short— so many  
would have been glad to have  
had you visit them—

Virginia sends  
much love to all she says that she  
like well to receive the letter

Sarah promised to her—  
McCampbell deserves his warmest  
salutation— His health is about  
what it was when you were here  
He is engaged at the translation  
every spare moment— I will  
send you a Pamphlet when it  
is issued, in reference to the  
Misunderstanding in the Bible  
Union, it is written by our  
talented and excellent Bro  
Dr G F Bell of Louisville  
Ky—

Do excuse my desultory letter  
and the great haste in which  
it has been written— Please give  
my love to your sons when you  
write to them— Present to Dr B—  
and Sarah my warmest Christian  
esteem & affection And believe  
dear Sister Barclay your sincerely  
attached friend & sister J H Campbell



Sister Annan, our good Irish sister  
is still with us, & she desires her  
warmest Christian affection to  
be presented to Bro Barclay sister  
Barclay & daughter —



I am rejoiced to hear you come, my mind is  
 fixed upon the Lord I know he directs  
 all my ways - I trust in him for all things  
 and know he will bring all things to  
 pass for my good - I am feeling the same  
 with you & with tears Oh I feel the  
 absence more than ever & yet realize  
 how short the separation will be - I  
 meditate constantly upon the great &  
 glorious things the things of redeeming  
 love & the resurrection from the  
 dead and the glorious inheritance

as my destiny acceptably to my heavenly  
 father to do good as I have opportunity  
 "just as Dr. Young expresses of God works  
 in boundless love for all men" - My mind  
 was never clearer nor calmer, than now  
 grief would overwhelm me if I did not  
 have the Lord - and did not the Lord  
 his his great mercy meet my trials  
 with his richest blessings - I enjoy



the light of his countenance & his dear  
his presence - He is my shade by night &  
no. All the day long I look up to  
him & he feeds my tears & comforts my  
heart amidst it all. Oh Father & Saviour  
"What it will be to thee" - I know the  
Lord is fitting me for the most heavenly home. I feel  
that he is enabling me to persevere to the end  
and I rejoice in the prospect of uniting with  
all the dear ones gone before still, and working  
together all the days of my appointed time. I feel as  
never before. I know that I am in the hands of my Father & my Saviour.

I have been thinking of you very much lately  
 and wondering how you are getting on. I hope  
 you are well and happy. I have been very busy  
 lately, but I have managed to find some time  
 to write you. I have been thinking of you  
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Now dear sister to business.

I have known for some time that work <sup>of</sup> can be done with the coinage matter this summer - For some time Congress has been so taken up with other matters - but I am very glad that you sent me those old letters of Jas Heiskell's. They throw considerable light on the subject - The models, I ought to have; Can you give me an idea of the size <sup>not</sup> required for them, so that I can judge whether the expense of getting it here, I fear the fly trap is useless - I have been setting it - with no success - according to directions, except I put no feathers on it - When I get about again, I will try it again, I think the Nautodometer has been pirated - as I discover that one is in use, wh, tho' I have not been able to get a correct description of it, I feel sure is the Doctor's - & I also discover that a Carcat only protects an inventor one year - If I can get over to Wash<sup>n</sup> I shall visit the Naval Bureau & ascertain about the Ship Log. I wonder if there is the least probability that Barclay Johnson can yet have any of the drawings that I miss.



for instance, the perfected Plate of the  
Ship log, & the ant-exterminator & the  
Car Stopper & Starter. Perhaps you have  
models of those. Three - Have you -  
Will you ask Sarah about those  
drawings? Daniel DeJarnette of Caroline  
has his house ventilated exactly accord-  
ing to Dr. Barclay's plan - I judge from  
Mr Coleman's account - I've never seen  
it myself. His Culinary ~~art~~ "cook's help meat"  
is in extended use - As soon as I can  
find leisure, I must look into them all  
more thoroughly, I have never had the  
time heretofore. Your offer, dear friend, is  
too enough in all conscience. & I would  
take it, hit or miss, if I cd raise the  
money, readily. but - I can not easily call  
it in, & do not wish to go into debt. &  
too, Lindsay has been sick ever since the  
weddings. & not able to bother about  
business more than can be helped - wh  
is the reason I have not consulted with  
him since I got yr offer - You may im-  
agine, that preparing to marry 2 daughters  
drained my purse, & filled my time and  
thoughts before the 28th ult. Oh how I  
wish you cd. come - now - & make us  
a visit. How I wish I cd send you  
that \$1000.00 now!

Your friend & midnight visitor Harris,  
came to see B. & Wks before her marriage  
but finding out the position of affairs,  
his stay was marked by extreme brevity.  
Do write - Love to all at fork houses -  
Maria Sims has left her husband - Is now at Ben's in Wash<sup>ton</sup>  
Ups apply  
Where is Mrs Weiskell? Eliz E. Coleman

February 18<sup>th</sup> 47

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In the twilight of last evening came a snowy  
messenger. hovering over my pillow, - fluttering  
a moment - then resting on my hand,  
Precious messenger! I took it to my head -  
then unfolding its snowy wings formed  
Oh! such sweet, & soothing words of affection from  
dear Mrs Barclay! "What angel first  
sent this her pen," - then dictated its  
words to greet my soul & shorten such a  
saddened hour, to cheer my heart, & make  
me forget the sufferings of a weary day!  
I remember; the same "Spirit of Love" that has  
guarded all the years of your life - , filling  
your heart with kindness, goodness, sym-  
-pathy & love - like a ceaselessly flowing  
fountain by whose gladness & happiness  
into every heart entering man, its  
range - ! The happiness you have  
derived from reading these happy  
must have convinced you of these  
facts long since -

But sister Barclay too has "faults"!

I wonder if her conscience did not give her  
a terrible hard "twitch" when she read



"she managed herself in not writing"! —  
The most interesting her letters about I have  
more interesting & agreeable correspondents?  
If ever it did deserve a string of remorse it  
was when writing those lines! Excuse me?

But don't you think so? To think you  
of all others could say such a thing!  
God you witness the stern disappoint-  
ment & overshadowing my heart when  
each arriving post brought no tidings from  
you; gladly would you retract all  
such speeches; at once — "more agreeable cor-  
=respondents" & "genuine philanthropy"! —

In all the range of my correspondents — none do  
I unite with more freedom, a pleasure, &  
from none do I receive letters giving more  
real, unfeigned, delight! The extension of my  
selfishness diminishes my philanthropy to  
such an infinitesimal portion, — as to  
exclude every chance of my one receiving  
a pin's scratch — on that score! Indeed  
it explicitly express affairs, — Most — highly  
do I consider myself complimented &  
honored in receiving — a line from  
you — To say nothing of the obligation of a  
whole letter! I am impressed with

the idea of my letters being an "intrusion" &  
were it not for my unlimited confidence  
in my expression of yours, should not venture  
to impose upon your patience the writing  
of so many letters, a hope for a response!  
On your mercy do I throw myself, impudently  
from your hand - at any, & any time  
as many kind words, & encouragements as you  
will grant -!

Dear Mrs Barclay I commenced this letter  
one week ago, but was too weak & shut - to  
struggle on to the end -! Even now I am  
as then writing propped up with pillows  
while very sick! though in fair way for  
speedy recovery! One consolation is never  
that I struggle never rapidly! - One week  
I have been suffering very much, - & of the  
Dr knew I was writing while promised me  
only an extra dose! Ah! dear! I hope  
Dr Robert never administers such  
shful doses to his patients! Alas I fear  
all Dr's are alike in giving Medicine!

To-morrow I am very weak & you will & will  
in my earnestness to write - my weakness  
you may discover in my letters! My constant  
desire is to keep the deb of a letter on your



side that I may be justified in the blisful, hope,  
& anticipation, of a letter! Mother send a letter  
from your best night! I desire more it - but somehow  
it could not "turn up" just when I wanted  
it - I sick folks do have to take their chance  
at getting any thing beyond reach! I desire  
to be like a "ministering angel"! Bright & day  
listening to her gentle attention - ~~in a sick~~  
regime! How she sits waiting for me! She  
voluntarily to be my amanuensis in  
this case - but Enochian can do a great  
deal - even in desperate cases! only a  
small way life, & all since my trial - is  
worth while! But dear sister Barclay when  
~~do you come?~~ ~~Nothing on earth must~~  
~~prevent!~~ ~~come!~~ Alas will be entirely  
increasingly disappointed if you do not  
come! If not I go across the Atlantic  
to Jerusalem I will go! I dreamed all that  
night - about riding donkeys! but thought  
they threw me off in the crack!!  
Come soon - make Dr Barclay &  
look your sons come! & "Miss Sarah"  
in "hobby" etc! Our home & hearts are  
large! I hope to be well in a day or  
two & if I am not, nothing will be

when we are together - And when any  
one asks us if we expect to spend  
the ensuing summer in Bethany we  
say yes indeed we expect to be in  
Abscibus Bethany by that time!! -

I have been staying with sister Mary  
and brother Ellick with the exception  
of four or five days ever since my  
return - We talk incessantly about you  
she is so anxious for you to come  
to B - soon - Sister Bonney when  
you come - Nothing can detain  
you - say you will be here immediately  
I love you more (if possible) than ever  
for the precious advice you give me,  
I feel that I have need of it and much  
more - oh! how I will treasure it in  
my heart and endeavor to act according  
to its dictations - I do think and know  
that I am not half as good as I know



how to be and knowing that I can therefore  
I am resolved that I will be better -

I feel thoughtlessness to be my besetting  
sin - words are scarce uttered - actions  
performed, are repented of and often  
times most bitterly - in future I will  
try more earnestly - seek more diligently -  
and pray more fervently to be made what  
I ought to be. I

But now my own good lovely sister  
Barclay 'tis growing late & I must ask  
pardon for trespassing so long upon  
your patience - I think between mother,  
~~sister and myself~~ you are well supplied  
with Bitham's items - do you not weary  
of them? -

To your dear husband please give  
devoted love and say that I have  
full confidence that his prophecy in  
regard to sister & myself will be verified  
and if we all live he will recognize

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in two stiff old maids the once  
lively girls Virginia & Bessie Campbell!!

Give love to "brother Robert" and tell  
him I will write to him very soon -

And now my own darling sister  
I will say "Good-night" may the angels  
of God guard and protect thy pillow!

Ever thy sincere and devotedly attached  
P Bessie -

Mrs Julia A Barclay  
Philadelphia



April 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

Mrs Barclay

My Beloved Sister, I have been intending to answer your very welcome letter for some time. but ere this you have found that I am not very punctual in answering my letters it is not from neglect for I could not neglect one I love so much, no far from it, but I have been waiting until I could write you a good long letter.

I received a very long letter from Sister Williams a few days ago she seems to be quite fixed to her mind. She has twenty three pupils three of whom are in her house and one of those an adopted child. She has sent for an assistant, a native, which will be better than one from America on two accounts the expenses will be much <sup>less</sup> and she understands the language. Should she be so fortunate as to obtain <sup>her</sup> services, but Miss Williams was not certain that she could get her.

Now my precious Sister when shall we see you on our farm or in Vi-te this? Remember! you are to give us a long visit. I wish to know the time when, so that we may have every thing in readiness for you the auspicious occasion and be at leisure that I may devote my entire attention to my beloved friends. I shall be sorely disappointed if Miss Clark and all do not come.

Mr Burnett is getting quite impatient to see Bro Barclay. He is quite distressed about some matters concerning you. He feels that Bro Barclay should have made more of a



confident

of ~~him~~ Mr. Burnell than he did. We always  
wish you to esteem us as friends and place  
all your troubles before us, and we would  
have done any thing in our power for you.  
Now what I write is entirely unknown  
to my husband he is eight miles from  
me most of the time. He comes out  
Tuesday and Friday nights to see how things  
go on and when he was out last he was  
much weighed down with grief and  
trouble on account of dear Brother  
Borclay's situation and his never having  
spoken to him of it. Say nothing about  
what I tell you as I am assuming a  
great deal. Do come soon and we will  
make it all right if possible.

Make up your minds to stay a  
while when you do come, and don't  
come without Miss Sarah.

Oh! "May the Lord bless thee and keep thee  
the Lord lift up thy countenance, and give  
thee peace" is the prayer of your sister in the  
hope of the gospel.

M. G. Burnell.

Give our best love to Brother Borclay and your  
daughter.

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Ever Beloved Sister

How my heart was made to rejoice at the reception of your sweet letter. When they give me so much pleasure keep them not from me.

You may learn how highly I prize it when I tell you that I sent it to dear Sister Campbell for perusal. She like my self, loves you very dearly, for your own sweet self, and your labors of love sake.

Would it not be nice if we were only with you this winter? What a continual feast Sister Challen must have in your society. I know it wont do, but I cant help girdling ~~her~~ her happiness in having you there. When you write again say ~~when~~ <sup>soon</sup> or at what time we may look for you here, and how long you will probably remain. I wish to know all about it and if I can

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I will inform others. Sister <sup>is</sup> anxious to see you. She is such a good, zealous woman I would like to see you meet. Can we then not meet? yes we must at all events.

Oh! I was so delighted with the letter I read from bro Denis to bro Barclay. I can form an idea just how he looks from his letter.

I wish we that have so many Christian privileges and advantages could be as good as I think he is. He seems as firm as the rocks of Gibraltar. I would love to write him a letter just to elicit one in return from him. Do present me kindly to him when you write if you deem me worthy. After I read that brother's letter Mr Burnett asked me what I thought of him, and what do you think was my spontaneous reply it was, why Mr Burnett I love him &



if I had him here I would hug &  
kiss him. He seems so pure, so good.  
Oh! that the whole world of our  
Brothers could but read that  
letter they would not withhold of  
"their abundance" what would do so  
much good.

We have remitted to ~~Bro Barclay~~  
Bro & Co one hundred and eighty  
four dollars and 67 cts at the  
disposal of our lone star at  
Gaff. Oh! I feel heart sick when  
I think of her. I hope the Lord  
will give her health and strength  
to reach us. After she shall have  
recovered (tell Bro Barclay) she  
may return to Jerusalem with  
you if she be so disposed.

I have galloped over this  
in the greatest haste imaginable  
— alas, not that you deserve  
it at all but I expect company  
and do not know when I

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can take up my pen again if  
I pass over this opportunity.

May the Lord ever smile upon  
you and give you peace.

Yours in dear love,

M. G. Burnett.

He joins me in love to all  
your dear family.

Why did you send back the gold dollar  
I enclosed to you to pay sister Williams's  
letter postage? Did you not see it under a  
wafer. I felt sorry you did not get it.



Address Mt Pleasant P.O.

My Precious Sister Parkley Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Oh! No one can tell how dreadfully I feel about our lost star in Jaffa, our dear self-denying sister Williams. The object of my seating myself this evening is to get you to write forthwith, and solicit her return immediately. We have written to her that we will send her material aid as soon as we can. I know you will do so.

We are very anxious to see you and your dear family. When shall we have the pleasure? Sister Campbell and I often speak of you in ~~our~~ letters, it appears impossible to wait any length of time when we think of the great pleasure in store for us when we meet.

I have been intending to write you immediately on your return but I had a brother lying very low in my house at the time that I dearly loved with no common love and he could not bear me from his bedside a moment. He was a way from home and his immediate family. He was taken first with bilious fever and partially recovered and then decided that he should be brought off.

here as his mind was in a very Melan-  
-cholly state and we all thought he  
would be benefitted by the change but  
after arriving here he relapsed and it  
terminated in typhoid. Mr Burnett just  
reached home from his Va tour ~~after~~  
he had breathed his last. Too late.

He was my Mother's favorite son, and  
one who transacted all her business.  
Indeed we cannot give <sup>him</sup> up he was so dear  
to us all. But we feel that it must be  
for our good, and altho his body is laid  
under the cloth of the Valley yet we shall  
see him in that happy land where we  
will be forever united in heaven, we  
have one tie stronger there and one  
less here. My aged mother in her long  
pilgrimage here has learned to the chief-  
— ments of our Heavenly father pro-  
— viding often that he doth all  
things well, and from His parental  
hand afflictions are blessings in  
disguise. But I weary you. How apt we  
are to coast by putting from those  
we love.

→ I have just got a twentieth letter  
from Sister concerning Miss Williams  
which you will please forward to  
her for her ~~personal~~ ~~and~~ cordial regards



Which I hope will be doubly strong in  
soliciting her to return. Indeed Sister  
Campbell will not have more than  
half of her if that. I have the best  
claim on her, dear soul you must  
know how much I esteem her.

Do write right off without delay  
tell her we are all yearning for  
her return especially Sister Burnett.

Do excuse this poor letter and write  
me a good long letter telling me  
as much about your dear self and  
every body else as you can. Your  
letters I hold as great treasures.  
I shall write a letter to Sister Williams  
which you will please put in the  
envelope with yours and Sister  
Campbell's. I want you to read Sister  
Campbell's letter. She is a genuine  
woman zealous with wisdom.

It is late I must stop. I will write  
more at leisure soon.

Heaven bless you, and yours.

Your sister in the best of bonds

M. G. Burnett.

Love to all your family for I love you all

I send you this inclosed letter in order  
to show you how anxious Bro & sister L  
are to have sister Western.

M. in haste.

Please send me Miss Williams address  
as soon as convenient, and please pay postage  
on her letter, and tell <sup>her</sup> what it will probably  
take to bring Miss Williams <sup>home</sup>; I shall have over a  
hundred dollars to send her. Do tell me all  
about every thing. Do not deem me too familiar.  
My dear sister I feel well acquainted and can  
scarce tell when we did not know each other.  
They say love begets love I wish it was so in this case for I desire  
yours most sincerely. m

Mrs. Darnall

Jan - 33



Dear Mrs Barclay -

Her mother is much  
indisposed, & very anxious that your letter  
may receive an answer. I hope a few lines  
from a ~~willings~~ though timid representative  
may not be altogether unacceptable! ("Helling") -  
because I am anxious - to embrace every -  
opportunity to become more intimately acquainted  
with each & every member of your family, &  
timid" lest my letter might not be interesting  
or acceptable

Your letter to mother gave each of us (for is not  
every thing connected with brother & sister Barclay  
interestingly to us all?) both pleasure, & regret,  
pleasure because it reciprocated so warmly  
the interest & affection entertained by all your  
family for you, & regret: (as it brought on its  
pages the disappointments - that you cannot

visit us in June?

We had anticipated so much pleasure in a visit from you - then - as it is the most pleasant month to visit this "Mountain Home". & then for our next meeting would have a double interest to ourselves & friends who will be with us at that time.

We expect brothers John & Johnson, L. L. Pinkerton, Geo., & others from Ky - also J. H. Allen from Mississippi - & hope to have brothers Gase & East with us too, at our June meeting & meet. I am how delighted it would be to have bro. Barclay - at the same time in our house. With such a number of good friends & preachers of the Gospel?

Let Miss Sarah. I am much disappointed she cannot come - as I am already very anxious to cultivate an acquaintance already begun by a process of - questioning & answering through a mutual of love. The Refugee who visited us soon after his return from Jerusalem - ; - also, that I have some flowers -



gathered by her own hand - which I  
will show her when we meet - & hope she  
will recognize them... But I hope to have  
the pleasure of receiving her long before the  
month you allotted to her. Mother also  
sends much love to her & will be truly  
delighted to receive the promised letter.

Mother is such an enthusiast - in the  
interest which she takes in Jerusalem -  
the missionaries there - & elsewhere - & all  
who are engaged in the great work  
of reform - that I feel assured - yours  
will be a happy meeting. But I  
fear I am - surpassing upon - your -  
time - & will therefore close - my letter  
with the wish that blessings may attend  
your every - thought - & endeavor -  
Affectionately yours -  
Virginia C.

Belthany?

April 23

1855

Written by Mrs. Virginia Campbell  
Thompson daughter of Alexander  
Campbell, when a girl.



strength is exhausted &  
I think just now more than  
I am thinking & dreaming  
of you all offe him;  
We forgive the miserable  
heart in which this

sketch is written -

"Good bye" "Good bye"  
a kind! as soft - even the

love & remembrance  
of your sweet - truly  
cherished & sincere

Dearest

Pittsburgh Pa

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1858.

My very dear "Sister Mary" -

But fifteen hours

(not one day) have passed since our sad, sad  
parting and yet I feel myself drawn by some  
irresistible impulse to the writing desk where  
upon are all the requisites to letter writing  
save the hand to guide the pen, I have  
claimed the privilege of writing just through  
sister Ginnie & Mother are both going to follow  
my example. He arrived safely before  
2 o'clock and was met by an cousin  
at the Depot. Had a very pleasant journey  
taking the circumstances into consideration,  
I never parted so reluctantly from

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friends or even my nearest relatives -  
and I do assure you I speak truly  
when I say that my heart is just over-  
flowing with the deepest emotions of grati-  
tude & love for the many many things  
- and kindnesses I received at the hand  
of each & every member of your family.  
I never can forget it. My visit to  
Philadelphia ~~the~~ the twelve days spent  
there are among the happiest of my  
life - indeed the very happiest for  
I never was treated so kindly or had  
so much attention paid me before.

Most sincerely as I hope that you  
will not let us remain long under  
such a heavy debt - but come soon  
very soon to our Beloved home &  
let us repay at least a portion of  
it - Mother will leave for home Sat-  
5 o'clock in the morning - Sister Girth &  
myself will remain until Wednesday  
& then we too will go home & remain



and be disconsolate until made  
happy by your presence -

Bathur & Mr Pendleton passed through  
here yesterday, so had we left as we  
intended on Wednesday we would  
have been favored by their company.  
Mother is feeling very badly at  
being so near & not seeing her  
"dear husband" - but I try to console  
her by telling her not to grieve over  
what has happened -

I think I can force Sister Virginia  
to retire before 2 o'clock tonight as she  
will have no such agreeable com-  
pany to entertain her - I hope  
you will make up the many  
hours of sleep you have lost in  
the last two weeks and I promise  
you shall not be so much har-  
assed when you come to Bathur.

I did not sleep one "sink" until  
after exchanged cars at Harrisburg.

and even then I remained just  
half asleep & half awake until  
day light dawned.

It seems so unnatural to not  
see your faces at table or hear  
your dear voices in the house -  
particularly Mr & Mr Barclay's  
musical laugh - till now it  
is ringing in my ears at this  
moment! —

Give my best love & a kiss to  
Dear dear Mr Barclay & to "brother  
Robert" say for me that my hand  
is now yet with his aff affection  
give him my love & to his "little  
brother" & "your pet" you must give  
ever & many kind messages it  
must not be you know you are  
to send my love! —

And now dear, dear precious  
"sister Barclay" just go to the looking  
glass & kiss yourself until you



Erwinston S. C.  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1858

My Dear Sister

I have for a long time been intending to write to you but want of an opportunity has prevented me from accomplishing it.

The visit I made at Washington was one of continual expectation of your coming. And I was sorely disappointed when I found I had to be denied ~~the~~ pleasure of seeing you there and more especially at our beloved city of Richmond. Must you leave with our seeing you all again? From what I hear your departure is near at hand is it so?

We have seen some rich people but the brethren have been so drained by Bro. Cret and others that not a word has been said

money  
on the subject. Mr Burnett has  
in most all instances had to  
bear his own expences all the way  
here. This is a wealthy neighborhood  
and I intend to gather something  
for Sister Dennis if I can assume  
sufficient confidence to beg.  
At any time it is unpleasant but  
when you feel sure gloomers  
have preceded you, it is still  
more difficult. Some places  
have been very poor and desti-  
-tute of any advantages and  
they all cry hard times in con-  
-sequence of this rebellion.  
As yet not one cent has been  
gotten here in Baltimore in  
way of promises for her.  
I think the sisters will do con-  
-siderable for her in money,  
and other articles. Hold them to it.  
Sister Barclay do go to Baltimore  
You will be pleased, and they



will be gratified exceedingly.

Sister McLaughlin will be proud to have you at her house, I think I named this in a former letter.

The climate here is mild and pleasant when it does not rain, they have a great deal of that article here this.

I love you dearly, and wish you were with me we would enjoy ourselves together "tip top"

I am tempted to send you a gem of the seasons, with all its compliments greeting,

Can you not write me at Augusta? If I am not there it can be forwarded. This

place is a days ride by steamboat from Swanton Geo.

We come from there last Friday from Brunswick. The <sup>red</sup> Burnet commences a protesting

Meeting here in two different  
meeting houses alternately.  
I hope the Lord may prosper his  
efforts it is a good field. The  
harvest is white. He will prob-  
ably leave here next week  
for Savannah, Augusta &  
thence to N.C. The time passes  
tardily until I reach home.  
"Tis home where the heart is,

Where the heart is, 'tis home."  
Give our best love to Brother  
Barclay and your sons.

Accept an abundance from  
us both for yourself.

As ever yours truly

M. G. Burn

My company has gone and I feel dispos-  
ed to talk a little more. How do you  
get along. Present us kindly to bro &  
sister Rowzee and bro and sister  
Challen if you please.



My Beloved Friend & Sister

August 7<sup>th</sup> 1856

"Sweet Hyacinth"

Now we can talk as having seen each other face, to face. What difference! I dearly loved you before but now what vocabulary of words can begin to tell the half I feel. My soul yearns to be with you again. Tell our precious brother he must not be discouraged at all. We will in the course of a year or two all go on to Jerusalem together, or he must go and Mrs Burnett will follow with me. My husband came home the night you left us and has not risen even to have his bed made until yesterday. He was sick when you were here for he seemed so unlike himself, so passive, and silent and stupid I call it. He says his head ached for many days before he was taken down. Bilious fever with strong symptoms of Typhoid set in and for five days he lay with burning fever without the slightest abatement. He does not sit up at all yet altho his symptoms are quite favorable. His physicians (three) say he is not yet out of danger of relapse and we have to be exceedingly careful of him. I have been his only night watcher, and have only taken off my clothes for three nights past and then I slept but little, but the Lord be praised I hope to see the dearest object in life restored to health again, whose life I had despaired of. He is now taking Iodine which acts well with him, also a diaphoretic and a tonic.

You cannot think how we were pained to hear that dear bro Burclay's nose bled on the way to the cars. You changed your arrangements so suddenly that it frustrated all of ours. We intended to have enjoyed several rides with you and shown you a little of our city, and gone to the cars with you, you must not take us so much by surprise next time.

Mr Challen preached the evening you left and I am told with only between thirty and forty hearers. he was founsh in the vocative case next morning, considerably crestfallen. He took the six o'clock train for Lexington. Now this is pretty talk for me, is it not? It must be decidedly private. He thought the crowd on Sunday evening was for him, but he was mistaken, it was for Bro Burclay, and a number told me they were badly disappointed they could not shake hands, and welcome the Dr that night. And we feel that we cannot express our chagrin at not getting him to preach in our sixth st church. It is a fine edifice and the congregation fine, the music fine, also aided by an organ which I suppose would be a justification - able to Bro Burclay, and perhaps the cause of his not preaching for us. But we hope for better times in future.



your visit as again which I hope will be on  
your return, for we want to make a joyful  
noise about our sweet missionaries -  
By the by I got a very short note from Miss Will  
saying that she got a letter from "My dear  
Brother Barclay." Bro & his Dinna and the  
three children are occupying her school  
room. When they leave she is coming to  
her dear home in America. She wants  
to come during the summer that she  
does not like winter voyages. She will  
also bring her little Bro home her girl.

Now sister I leave your pardon  
for all I have said amiss, and now  
you will grant it. And I never wrote  
in greater haste in my life - that  
you will have to pardon too.

Mrs and Cornelius send an abundance  
of to our dear Jerusalem friends, and  
I know Mr. Burnet would too if he  
were aware that I am writing - but he  
is in a very sweet sleep and day is  
but dawning. This morn in a fine  
perspiration and I trust will soon swell  
Pray for us My Beloved friends.

What did you hear when you were starting  
away? You will surely say what it was when  
you wrote again to me you have awa-  
kened my curiosity to tell me all.  
More than ever your friend. M.E.B.

Copy - From Mrs. Leathcote  
to Mrs. Read.

Your letter has not only been a great delight to me, as a most affectionate remembrance of dear Mary; but it is a great relief in regard to money matters, on which subject we felt quite at a loss to know how to act, for it does not appear she left any will. Her letter to you will therefore answer every purpose, in which she constitutes you her executor. I have consulted the members of our family who are accessible; for you know that two of my brothers have been missionaries in New Zealand nearly 35 years; but I can quite answer for their uniting with my sister Mrs. Marsh, and my eldest brother Sidney, in desiring that you should be requested to carry out my dear Sister's wishes in accordance with your own excellent judgement. I hope there will be no difficulty in regard to the small sum at Jaffa, part of which is the very money you forwarded to her for her voyage to America.

Dr. Graham says that he cannot act until he hears from Mary's friends in America; you will therefore please write to him, and send him the copy of that part of my Sister's letter, making you her executor x x x. I must ask you to particularly mention the matters I have named when you write to Dr. Graham; as he will, on the receipt of your letter look upon you as his authority, not on me.

(over)



Extract from Miss Williams letter to Mrs Read  
referred to in Mrs Heathcotes letter.

After requesting Mrs Read to procure for her  
some articles out of the sum which she had in  
charge for Miss W. she continues,

And, dearest, I must constitute you my executor  
to do what you think best with the money you  
nurse so kindly for me, should the time come when  
you can use it, and I not.

Rec<sup>d</sup> May 24<sup>th</sup> 1859 -

From Mrs Read - to Dr Gorham.

My Dear Sir,

In consequence of a letter rec<sup>d</sup> ~~letter~~ yesterday from Mrs. Heathcote, the Sister of Miss Williams (an extract from which I shall herewith enclose, as well as an extract from a former letter from Miss Williams to myself) I hasten to communicate to you. In the first place I would remark that I most heartily coincide with the request which Mrs. Heathcote makes in reference to the disposal of her sister's effects in Palestine. x x x I would propose the following mode of disposing of the property - After defraying the expenses, that Mrs. Saunders, who so kindly and faithfully nursed my dear friend during two severe illnesses; and who, I have no doubt, as a missionary, has many claims on her hospitality and benevolence, should receive the sum of \$75.00 - In reference to the remaining sum, I would suggest that Mrs. Barclay should be consulted in the disposal thereof; as Mrs. Campbell, the donor, is the mutual friend of Miss Williams and herself - Mrs. Barclay will, no doubt, be able without any difficulty to confer with Mrs. Campbell on the subject - Hoping, my dear Sir, that these suggestions with the accompanying extracts, will relieve you from further embarrassment in winding up the affairs of our late deeply lamented friend - believe me -



Wm. Burnet.

Mrs. Julia A. Barclay

Yafa.

New Mount,

July 4th '74.

My Dearest:

As tho I posted you a letter only on yesterday, yet an opportunity again occurring, I conclude, on thinking over a part of your last letter, to send you a few additional lines today. You remark that "it will never do not to go and see dear Mary Julia after all her kindness"; and so think I. You also mention that you only expected to stay with dearut Sarah till the 4th of July - this very day. Now it appears to me that inasmuch as I have not yet heard from Dr. Rogers, (who by the by <sup>may now be there</sup> being a visitor of the watering place in summer) and it may yet be some time before I can hear decisively from the Director, inasmuch as it is highly probable that on receiving my letter of acceptance, it will not only be necessary to correspond with



the Superintendent of the Mint at Phila, to ascertain whether I could now have the use of the mint and services of its officials, but will also correspond with Dr. Rogers — it appears to me, under these circumstances it would be better for you to come on at once to Stanton without delay. Should I learn that you are in Stanton, I could call and stay a day or two, and — if you shall have only been there a few days I can leave you to come on to Phila. at your leisure? But if, on the contrary, my departure for the Mint shall be so delayed, that by the time I pass on by Stanton your visit shall have been finished, you can go on directly with me.

But be your determination what it may let me hear from you forthwith: write on the same day upon which you receive this. I don't at all <sup>giving up</sup> relin<sup>quish</sup> the idea, that I had been indulging — of going on from Phila. and spending a day or

two more at Tea neck. But then I am some-  
-what reconciled to it by the consideration  
that Sarah can, and undoubtedly will, come  
on and spend some time with us in  
Phila. ~~bringing~~ the children with her: and  
undoubtedly Mr. Johnson would be  
occasionally coming over to see how the  
new system is progressing. You will,  
of course write to me on the day of your ar-  
-rival at Stanton.

But I see George coming - and  
must conclude however hurriedly and  
reluctantly. Ever devotedly

Yrs.  




James Turner Barclay, 1807-1874

Correspondence - Incoming

1851-1871



Barclay, James Turner, 1807-1874. Correspondence - Incoming.

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came safely to hand. She made a great ado over it, wept freely at its  
contents, from excitement, (So did Sister Mary) but says she cannot  
make up her mind to answer it till she hears of your arrival  
at Jerusalem. Brother William is just recovering from an attack  
of his old complaint, Pneumonia, which we all thought at  
first would prove ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> last, but after a fortnight of severe illness the  
Lord saw fit to remove the stroke & he is now walking about his  
room. Sister Mary is the most anxious nurse I ever saw. Have  
you been apprized of the sudden death of Chesley Kinney, who  
married Margaret Stevenson? He dropped dead while con-  
versing in Stritt's store with Jefferson Stuart. Frank Guize  
is also dead. Judge Brooks lately died. Frank Link's wife (he  
married, as Sister will recollect, Marnie Tenckheart of Rich-  
mond), died suddenly after giving birth to a daughter. Capt.  
Harper has accepted an Indian agency, given him by Stuart  
to go to Texas among the Chickasaws ~~in Texas~~ for four years. His  
plan at present is to leave his own wife & family on the farm  
where they live, taking George & his young wife with him -  
George will act as his prompt secretary. If I was ~~with~~ Mrs  
Harper Senior I would mournfully conclude my husband  
wished to get rid of me. O money! Thou <sup>art thou</sup> ~~art~~ all powerful in thy  
way over the hearts of the children of men - (Some women  
too I fear). My good neighbor, Mrs Pointe is busily engaged ap-  
pointing her daughter, Rose Nelson, in her preparations to go as a  
missionary to China. Mr Nelson, her husband is allowed an  
outfit of 300 \$ - his expenses including his family from here there  
and after he arrives there an annual salary of 1000 \$. John  
Pointe has obtained an appointment to go as a missionary  
to the Cherokees - He being a single man receives an outfit of 130 \$, his expenses  
and an annual salary of 600 \$. They were written to provide



themselves with enough changes of clothing to do them a voyage of four  
or five months without washing being done. How did your clothes  
hold out? Have you all enough? What is it to be your annual  
allowance? I never made so many mistakes in a letter? "Excuse me".  
Can you recommend Jerusalem as a lucrative place for Mr. B. to  
come to & open a store? He has moved down to his own store room  
& looks more at home. I did not mention to him my intention  
to write. He prizes your letters as much almost as I do. Sister  
Susan says in her last letter, she thinks her baby's name is  
Caroline - wishing to know if so, whether I will come on to  
stand as God Mother for it. I intend declining. Brother Alfred  
will become a brother in our family again on the 16th of  
May. I do not like taking him on some few accounts but prefer  
it to letting him go to the tavern. Mary Julia grows more  
more interesting as she grows older. She has several particular  
beaux but as yet has a deaf ear to all their pleadings. My  
boy is flourishing. All the children are well. I hope Robert, John  
& Sarah will write me a joint letter. Tell the latter if she  
approves of first Cousin's marrying & does not object to a difference  
of age on the wrong side, I will send John Hampton out to  
her I was surprised to learn of the beauty & attractions of Malla.  
I thought of it as a strong Godrest, but in ruins. The little leaves  
came safely both in Mr's letter and mine. They are very  
precious, having come so far & been plucked by your hands. I have  
not heard from Scottville since the Hartmans moved on.  
Mr's Sarah who lives at Mrs Coakley's has a baby. Poor Ben had  
every cent of his money stolen from him. He thinks Sally stole  
it before going away; we don't know whether to suspect Sally or Sarah.  
They both could have had access to his room. Mr B. offered

I will just mention a few of the names of those who begged me to give  
 their love to you when you I wrote. Dr. Wadsworth, Miss Nancy & Mr. J.  
 Sally, Miss W. Garber, Marco, Grand Ma, Mr. W. Hudson, etc, etc, etc.  
 I will try my dear brother to train Barclay up in the fear of the Lord  
 but I shudder when I think of my great fail-ures & present worldly  
 mindedness. Would that I were more holy, more devoted to the cause  
 of my Redeemer & then I might hope for his blessing. Continue to  
 pray for me. We will commune together the Lord's evening next Sabbath  
 at his table. May we not both hope to meet at the table above soon  
 to one & all of you

Dr. James. S. Barclay.

By Post (Specia)

Via New York.

Mr. G. S. Crawford

Rev. Mr. Barclay  
 New York



Stanton March 23<sup>d</sup> 1852.

My dearest Brother & Sister:

The relief afforded by your last letter can be better imagined by you, than expressed by me; the weeks of anxious suspense we had all passed through, had seemed like months & all at once to receive so many little messengers of good tidings, seemed indeed a relief, not by the giver of every good gift. They consist of my dear Brother's letter to me, including one to Sister Mary - Sisters to Cha & Sarah's to Fred & Mary Julia. Your note of our letter to you affording pleasure: It appears to me as though there is no comparison between the interest of my letters and yours, for you all know so well the daily routine of things with us, that it must be a monotonous repetition to speak of them. But, with you the fact of your being in Jerusalem, the very mention of whose name causes the whole being to thrill fills the smallest matter with interest. To know what you are eating, how you are sleeping, of what speaking when your letters was written are subjects of deepest interest - How much more to hear that, though far from home, native land and kindred dear, the glory of working in the Redeemer's vineyard, of being useful to his charges, but deluded people fills you all with a peace & comfort the world knows nothing of. May God in his mercy remove every vestige of your indisposition & give you such health of body & mind accompanied by such abundant manifestations of his Spirit that you will be enabled to work mightily for the Lord. This thought is my only comfort when I get to wondering if I am never more to see you all in the flesh

Wm. L. L.  
Let us  
many thanks  
Love, love  
Love to  
You all  
My dear  
Dearest  
relatives  
L. L. L.

March has come and from the pleasantness of the weather  
last week we thought an early Spring would compensate  
us for the unusually severe Winter but is blowing cold  
so there is every prospect of a call from old Winter again  
before he takes his final departure. We are so foolish as to  
put seed in the ground, all of which I guess we will have  
to replant. Old uncle Jim is not strong enough to garden  
this Spring, so ~~that~~ I have thrown the responsibility onto  
Mr Crawford. He will leave me home to go for goods  
next week & I suppose I will have to attend to matters &  
things in general. I don't see how Mrs Harper stands, her  
Husband is going off & staying years, leaving all the work  
for her to do. As for my part, I would rather not have a  
Husband, if his disposition led him roving about instead  
of staying at home, taking care of his children. We were  
all amused at your message to Julia Barclay: You both  
should not have taught me by your example to let you  
be my number, until after she made her appearance;  
for I can assure you there is no chance now. Barclay & Alfred  
have both been sick with colds, but are getting better. I  
listened to your questions about him with great attention  
and assumes a very consequential air, when he speaks of  
his, far excellence his, much way, way, way off in Jerusalem.  
I cannot answer your queries yet, for I have been so lazy  
that I have not called forth the development of his  
faculties. Or rather, I have been so taken up with other  
things. Mary Julia still teaches John & Willie. I have  
commenced teaching John Music to find his natural taste  
makes him very apt. My intention is to prepare him to



teach Music, if he should ever require it. At the same time  
I pray God & tell John to do so, to prepare him to be a  
useful preacher of Christ & him crucified.

March 31<sup>st</sup> I cannot tell why I have let so many days pass without  
finishing this miserably written letter. I should now throw it aside  
but my eyes are so uncertain that I am afraid to do it. There  
is a complete dearth as to matters of interest to write of. Mr. B.  
has gone on for goods. Mr. & Mary Julia are well - Mary is  
very much interested in the study of the French Language. She  
has an excellent teacher. A Frenchman. Grand ever since the  
death of old Mrs. Fuller is our oldest inhabitant. We are  
to have two weddings next month. Briscoe Donaghy is to be  
married to Virginia Brooke & Henderson Hale to Ann  
Kinney. Susan Lippscott, Judge Thompson's adopted daughter  
died last winter in Savannah. Sister Mary got up to  
see us one day last week for the first time for three months  
having been an invalid all that time. She said she intended  
writing to you very soon. There will be a great deal of excitement  
here when the elections take place under the new constitution.  
There are so many candidates. I fear old Judge Baldwin will  
be left at home, as the Judges are to be elected. I feel so dull  
that I know my letter partakes of it. Still, it will let you know.  
We are all well, that we are all praying for & thinking of you.  
Mr. & Mrs. Buckenridge, as well as old Mrs. Johnson were most  
very grateful to you for the particular messages you sent them.  
They send a great deal of love in return. Buck & Tom Chickin  
have both become great advocates of Temperance since they  
see the evil effects of Intemperance in their sons. I fear they  
are too late, to do the good to their children they should.  
Buck: made several speeches at a late Temperance Convention.

held here and sent so far as to move that a petition to the  
Legislature be presented to have the sale & use of it in every  
shape & form prohibited. They passed such a Law in ~~England~~  
Maine, but I see they are smuggling <sup>liquor</sup> into that State in Coffee  
Poor human nature! When it loves the "mian cup" it will have  
it, at the risk of every thing. Although the work on the Rail  
Road is carried on very busily, the results seem very limited.  
It has brought such a horde of the low, filthy Irish among us  
that I should not be surprised if we were visited this sum-  
-mer with the plague itself. The Catholic Chapel is tolerably  
well filled on the Lord's day, notwithstanding the untiring  
zeal with which Mr Smith rails from the pulpit against  
their superstitions & idolatry. I was in the store a few days  
after "Leat" commenced and found Mr B; was in close  
confab with two Irish women. Among other questions, he  
asked, "would you really be afraid to eat any meat?" they  
replied "yes, we believe he would drop down dead if we would  
attempt such a thing". Does that sound well for a protestant  
country in the eighteenth century? Dr Muir has been appointed  
Principal of our Deaf, Dumb & Blind Institution, since Mrs  
Clyde's death. It continues to flourish. Our Hospital is filled. They  
have an Organ in their Chapel & the beauty of the rooms attracts  
great numbers from town to attend there. Our preach-  
-er takes it alternately on Sabbath afternoons to preach to  
them. Dr Striding continues to be very popular. His wife is  
encirled again & is in excellent health. It has been eight  
years since the birth of her last. Tell Robert, I fear brother  
will put off answering his letter a long time, although he was  
delighted when he received it. He is so famous for procrastinating.  
He sends love to all. So does every member of the family. Tell  
Sarah, a letter from her will be highly acceptable. I am expect-  
-ing one from Robert & John every day. Do you bake as many  
cakes, sister, as you did when you lived in America?



Staunton April 1853.

My Dear Uncle, Aunt & Cousins:

The idea of having to fill such a mammoth sheet is rather formidable. I must confess & I fear I will have to follow the advice of a friend & write the same things over & over, to accomplish it. Having much to say however, to those who are so far off & yet so dear to me, I determined to allow myself sufficient space. Robert's letter to Aunt Syd., came to hand a few days since gladdening our hearts with the tidings of your good health & yet awakening our apprehensions, lest the Roman Catholics may much disturb your peace & counteract your usefulness. How anxiously did I await the action of Congress on the numerous petitions presented by the different denominations, to secure the enjoyment of unrestricted religious freedom & privileges, to our citizens in foreign countries. I do hope the subject will be brought up again during the next session & decisive measures taken. Every paper I take up, contains statements of the increased footing & influence the Romanists are gaining in our own beloved country. I see that the legislature of Massachusetts has appropriated fifty thousand dollars towards rebuilding the Ursuline convent which was formerly destroyed in that state by a mob. It does seem like an act of justice & yet I lament the necessity. I rejoice that they were foiled, both in Michigan & Ohio, in their attempts to interfere with the common school system. The struggle between formalism & spiritual religion seems to have commenced & I trust that all protestants will unite in seeking to promote the religion of Christ. Calzaghe, a converted Romanist, is now lecturing to crowded audiences in New York, exposing the errors & wickedness of the Jesuits in particular & warning us to resist their encroachments. How it must grieve your Christian hearts, to behold the superstition, blindness & depravity of those around you! Do you find it once difficult to preserve a consistent walk & conversation thus than here? I have often heard, that missionaries mourned the effect which scenes, such as daily came under their observation had on their own spiritual life. When I think of the difficulties with which you have to contend my heart almost sinks within me, but the promise of God reassures me "My grace is sufficient for thee".

I have just finished reading an account of Meshullam, in which I was much interested. He does seem to have been raised up, to ameliorate the condition of his people. The writer of the history, refers, very kindly to Uncle James, & whenever I see any reference to him it exalts my interest. In every thing relative to Jerusalem I look first for your names, the very sight of which makes my heart leap within me.



May 10<sup>th</sup> Many things have occurred to prevent my writing more than the first page of this sheet & I thought of commencing another letter, but concluded to send this just as it is. Presbytery met here a short time since & I then had no time to write. I enjoyed the meeting exceedingly & I think the feeling was universal. We have had a great many additions to our church lately & there still seems to be much interest in the subject of religion, particularly among the young. There has been no excitement, but the interest has been apparent in the increased solemnity & undivided attention to the preaching of the gospel. Mr Smith seems much encouraged & has labored day & night in the instruction of inquirers. How I do long to see pure & undefiled religion universally prevalent!

Mrs. Night is over from Sedenville. She says you can have no idea how much they miss you all. She is as cheerful & agreeable as ever. She says they filled a box for you there, to send by Mr. Skinner, the contents of which I have no doubt will add to your comfort. I sent a black silk cravat to uncle James, which I hope he will wear for my sake. Sarah must not laugh at her bonnet. I would gladly have sent a straw one if I could but as I could not, I thought I would send one which would be serviceable in riding about, & which I hope she will find useful. I would have had Alfred's likeness taken, but there was no good artist in town, & will have to wait for another opportunity. Grandma hopes the boys waistcoats will fit, notwithstanding they were made by guess. O if we could but see you once again! Aunt Susan & family are coming in June to spend the summer & it would be so delightful if we could all be together once more. We shall think & speak of you very often. Mr. Crawford says aunt Susan is fixed very nicely indeed, & that the little girls are as sweet & interesting as ever. I hope we shall have a very pleasant summer. I reckon the clamor which is disturbing me now would be music in your ears. A cart is below the window filled with chickens, eggs &c & grandma is bargaining for them. You never heard a greater uproar from so small a cause & you would conclude with me that the chickens were strangers to town dogs. Grandma is persuading the countryman to drive to aunt Syd's but suddenly recollects that he won't find her at home. Guess where she is? At the Seminary teaching music. In consequence of sickness Mrs. Barr had to give up teaching & got aunt Syd to take twelve music scholars for the rest of the session which will close in June. The girls are delighted with her as a teacher & she seems to like teaching very much. She only teaches a few hours every morning which gives her sufficient time to attend to her house keeping. Her children are out of doors nearly all the time since the weather became



pleasant. They are full of life & fun & can scarcely stay in the house long enough to say their lessons. We have charming weather now & our mountains & hills look very beautiful. I see a notice of the exhibition of a panoramic view of Jerusalem & the surrounding country in one of our northern cities & would like much to see it. It is said to be very good.

Has Mrs Stowe's book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," reached you yet? It has created great excitement in Europe as well as this country. A real abolitionist's work, well written & tragically interesting, but giving a very false impression of the condition of slaves in this country. She is now in England & receives homage & adulation from high & low - has even condescended to accept of money, made up by the penny contributions of the poor. She has realized immense sums from the sale of her work & should disdain to descend to such meanings. Could foreigners but contrast the condition of our slaves with the poor of their own countries they would be constrained to give the preference to the former. It does seem to me that the northern people are prepared for any extravagance. A few weeks since the daughter of a minister left her father's house, went to New York & was married to a colored man. They left immediately for England to join Mrs Stowe's suit. That was acting out their principles with a vengeance. It does pain me to read of the delusions, so rapidly sweeping in our own country. Every paper contains accounts of persons becoming deranged or committing suicide, in consequence of the pretended revelations of the Spiritual Rappings. Satan does indeed seem to be busy, presenting himself under varied forms. Strange, that in a country so blessed as ours with the light of the Gospel, he should be so successful. I notice that many plans are proposed & a great desire felt, to counteract the evil tendencies & consequences, which are anticipated from the assembling of the great crowd in New York to attend the Crystal Palace Exhibition. They propose having preaching in the sections of the town most noted for vice & alluring the crowd in every possible way, into the paths of virtue.

Our town's people are a good deal interested in the coming elections which are soon to take place. The democrats who are in power now, seem determined to make a clean sweep & put men of their own party into every office. The temperance reformation is a prominent subject of discussion & the temperance party want to make their views on this subject, the test of the qualification for the legislature. I do not think the people generally are prepared for this yet & I fear it will be many a year before the Maine Liquor Law can be established in this state. We have constant evidence in this town of the evil of intemperance. The other evening I called in at a Mr. Brady's, (formerly a taylor) & witnessed a distressing scene. He was stretched on his bed, apparently almost entirely consumed by liquor. His hands & body covered with sores



Such as are caused by fear, & his wife sitting near almost overwhelmed with sorrow. He died a few hours after I saw him, leaving five children.

New houses are springing up in every part of the town & there are to be two new churches - A Lutheran & a Baptist. Mr William Garber intends returning to Stanton & talks of building a new Hotel at the foot of Abney's Hill & near the depot. He does not like Abington. Aunt Syd told me she was writing to Robert & proposed enclosing our letters in the same envelope. She I have no doubt will give you all our love news. Grandma is very well & sends much love. She generally cries for joy over your letters. We were disappointed in not receiving Sarah's journal which she has long promised us. I see that in England they are discussing the expediency of adopting an ocean penny postage. If they carry it out, I doubt not but our country will follow the example & then you will have no excuse but can send a line at a time. Tell John we are extremely disappointed in not hearing from him. We value a letter very highly. I was deeply interested in Robert's account of his own labours in Bethlehem & am anxious to hear how the school is preparing. Your old friend Miss Cary & Miss Sommerville they are editing a temperance newspaper in Scitoville & delivering lectures. I think they are forsaking woman's province. I have a perfect hoard of a female lecturer. How will the contest about the Holy Shroud be decided? I presume it is only much a matter of indifference to you, whether Catholics, Greeks or Mahomedans have the ascendancy. They are all so corrupt & uncharitable. I am glad to have to correct a statement

We find it will make the letter too thick to send both in one envelope & send them separately. You have taken no notice of my last letter & I am doubtful whether you received it.

Dr James T. Barclay

Jerusalem

Syria

which I made in the past part of my letter relative to the appropriation for the rebuilding of that church. I presume that the title on the packet the same hands & was of value by the upper & consequently it is void. Our friends are well generally. Mrs Fowler is very weak. It is much to walk about but better than she was. They are expecting friends from Westbury this week. They speak of some one else. Mrs Clarke is very ill with pneumonia. Our town has been unusually healthy this spring & the weather is very pleasant to occupation. They have had cucumber at the stills. The summer has been continued as usual. There is no longer any danger of any more

Good health is rather better than it has been but he is still delicate. Maria is well. Ellen my has not yet returned from her visit to Eli. We are going on in our usual quiet way, with little variation. I presume there will be a great change when Aunt Susan comes. We are constantly expecting letters from you & the reception of them forms quite an era in our lives. The servants unite with grandma & myself in sending much love to one & all. Great many persons inquire after you. Mrs McBlaney never lets me without asking "when did you hear from Jerusalem". The old lady is as happy & cheerful as ever. Do write soon. That "grace mercy & peace may be multiplied unto you" prays Your attached always Julia.



Wass Hill Academy,  
Near Florence Ala.,  
Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Dear Brother Barclay:

Please accept  
the warmest gratitude of my  
heart for the contents of your  
favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, which  
came to hand in due time.

There is  
still hope in, and around, Florence,  
that you will present them at  
no distant day.

If such hopes  
should be realized, we trust you  
will do us the honor to spend  
some time beneath our humble  
roof.

Affectionately, Your obliged brother,  
I. B. Sarimore.

Neen Court land

Dec. 1st 71.

Dear Bro. Gary:

Many thanks for your <sup>prompt and</sup> kind  
favor of 25th ult. I ~~must however~~ <sup>stock stock</sup> ~~that you~~  
~~shall compensate~~ I herewith inclose the papers  
of which I spoke — <sup>and?</sup> as per memo. \$900, 531, 100, 85.86,  
28.75, 128.79, four of 14.31, and two shares of Las.  
River & Kanawha ~~Canal~~ Stock, accompanied by  
powers of Attorney.

Please rely upon your own judgment —  
whether to hold on a while or accept the price  
that may be offered when first <sup>put in market</sup> ~~received~~. I must  
however, my dear brother that you shall com-  
pensate yourself out of the proceeds. Please  
forward the sum in green backs, per Express,  
to the Office at Court land — <sup>Lawrence Co.</sup> there being no  
express office at this station — and advise me  
of the result.

With highest personal regards &  
deep sense of obligation

Most sincerely yours

E. V. Bentley



Barclay Family

Correspondence - Incoming ✕

1868-1876



Barclay family. Correspondence - Incoming.



Phila. S. 17th 328, April 21st '68

Dearest Son:

We reached this city more than a week ago, in safety and comfort; but seem to have left our health behind; for we have enjoyed but little of that boon since arrived here. Sarah's attack however is the only one that has been at all serious. After having escaped the menses at Bethany where she was in daily expectation of an invasion for several weeks, she was attacked here in a very serious manner, when not at all apprehensive. What greatly aggravated the attack was the immediate supervention of erysipelas. The case was so complicated that Robert did not like to treat it without consulting with Dr. Agnew; who was accordingly sent for. Her sufferings have been great and protracted; but thanks to the Lord a decided change for the better occurred

all of course, would be glad to join me in copiousness of dusted low were they  
aware of this present  
penning — but I  
write in great haste  
with the other mind  
of embracing  
and opportunity  
to the better  
you.  
Heaven bless  
you all.

last night, and the misapprehensions ~~features~~ have  
all disappeared. Nellie, meanwhile has been  
completely weaned; and is now one of the sweetest  
and best children I have ever seen. I might  
also add that she is one of the smartest and  
prettiest were I not writing of Sherry  
little King's parents. But let me ask  
— in passing — where could one find  
three every way lovelier children than  
Roberts. Barclay too is as fine a boy  
as I have ever seen, when he is with me;  
albeit they say he does not pay as much  
regard to "the first commandment with  
promise", as he might do. But if the  
account of certain Crochete young ladies  
be reliable, one Alexander Campbell  
Barclay of Alabama is the Apollo of  
the day! Dear, sweet boy, what floods of  
sympathy gushed forth in his behalf when  
we learned the sad tale of his sorrow!

Your mother is very thin — owing  
mainly, I think to her labor of love in



the nursing department; tho her long-  
standing disease is gradually becoming worse  
and worse. 'Tis a sad disappointment  
that she can't be with Sarah in her ill-  
ness: but she is now beginning to leave  
her <sup>Nellie</sup> a little. I, of course, have to supply her  
place, as best I can, day and night; but last  
night I only had to leave my humble couch  
five or six times. My principal ailment  
is seated in the throat — the vocal chords  
of which are very singularly affected. I have  
not been able, to speak in public, with one  
partial exception, for a few minutes, for  
several months. Poor Emma, had  
another serious attack a few days before  
we came; but is looking quite well ex-  
cept that, like her minor half she is  
rather thin. Mr. Leal Barclay, you will  
be sorry to learn, is the more ghost of his  
former partly self. I have written to  
Black, Laman & Co to make all necessary ar-  
rangements for the most vigorous prosecu-

tion of the stamp and envelope matter, upon my arrival there a few days hence - or just as soon as I can well learn. The prospect is good.

Fulda has sent on a draft for the two first instalments - minus discount which he took the liberty of making, and a charge of 10 per cent which he has taken the liberty of making, as a mere attorney for signing his name and receiving the money. This you know is an enormous extortion; and I am now taking measures for heading him off when the final instalment becomes due in November. I went out as soon as the draft arrived with a view of resting it ~~for some time~~ so that they would be bearing interest up to the period of settlement; but there is such a panic in the money market that it is thought better not to make any such investment, or even deposit it in a savings bank till confidence is restored and money made easier. It seems I have been a long time since we have heard from either of you. Warmly but most devotedly, Peter A. B. C.



3<sup>rd</sup> In a letter her mother got this afternoon she said she had written to me I will send it to you when it comes she wrote from Dublin to her brother and from Liverpool to her father the hope of being at Chelsea & their visit to brother of 1000000 she is too clear in writing

Light and peace at once deriving  
From the hand of God most high;  
Over the grave of those you love  
Pain and death and night and sorrow.

Dear child, Decima

Bethany Mission  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> - 1876

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> only reached me last evening. But a letter from your sister received on Saturday confirmed my fears respecting dear Dr Robert B. I had received your postal telling me of his illness. Oh! I scarcely know what to say or how to express my grief for his great loss and my sympathy for the stricken ones in their sore, sad heart rending bereavement! I can see them in my imagination honoring over his deposing bed I can hear the agonizing cries of the fond Mother for her first-born! And what shall I say of dear Emma the fond faithful wife so unexpectedly deprived of her kind loving devoted husband and Oh the fatherless children - so devoted to their good wise praying Father - my dear little nannie - who so quietly climbed upon his knee - Oh how I wept aloud last night on reading your descriptive letter. But the departed one is safely moored in the haven of eternal rest! having no doubt been introduced to multitudes of the blood-washed throng and joined the anthems of praise & thanksgiving to Him sits upon the Throne. Oh! while we agonize for his absence he is enjoying the society of the redeemed, where not an agony or a tear shall ever dim his eyes. Here we cannot help weeping & grieving - and bless the Lord Jesus for the sympathy he showed at the Grave of Lazarus when it is said "Jesus wept" - Oh the compassion of our Redeemer God.

His love, sympathy, and compassion, can never be told on  
earth it will take the refining sublimating atmosphere  
of heaven, to impart to us the deep unutterable, attributes  
of his god like sympathies to be unfolded to our poor creature  
of the dust! "He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities"  
I do believe the more that our hearts are imbued with the spirit  
of the living God the stronger will be our sympathies and the  
more sensitively & acutely will we feel, the afflictions & chastise-  
ments received from the hand of our father in heaven! Think  
what the Saviour felt in Gethsemane, and when he cried "My father  
why hast thou forsaken me?" It required legions of angels to strengthen  
him and we must cry mightily in the sad hour for strength  
to be given us - that we murmur not, and that our faith fail  
not! - We are prone to ask the reason why, to grieve at the  
trials here - and why? and why? But we must put our  
finger upon our lips & be mute - All will be revealed  
by and by - Still we are permitted to weep and to hum-  
ble ourselves in the dust - And Oh what it is to arrive at that  
degree of grace & perfection, - to be able to say with the  
heart - "Thy will be done" - I will here note down a poem I lately made

"Think, O ye who fondly languish  
O'er the grave of those you love,  
While your bosoms throb with anguish  
They are warbling hymns above."

2 "While your silent steps are striding  
Lonely through night's deepening shade,  
Glorious bright beams are playing  
Round the happy Christians' head,



3<sup>rd</sup> In a letter her mother had written to me I will send it to you when it comes she wrote from Dublin Dr. Cooke to her brother and from Liverpool to her father the hope of being at Chesham when it is to be written to brother of J. P. Lee she is brief & clear in writing

Light and peace at once deriving  
 From the hand of God most high,  
 In his glorious presence living,  
 They shall never, never die.

Over the grave of those you love  
 Pain and death, and night and anguish  
 Enter not the world above.

Dear daughter I read the beautiful and appropriate hymn you said was sung on the occasion "Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep" It was sung at Dr. Richards before leaving the house to be brought to the Church - I think all must have been solemn, appropriate, and very impressive, it was holy courage given to the surviving brother, to be able to speak a precious word to the memory of the departed and to the honor of the Author of our salvation, and the impartation of the glorious hope of the resurrection, the dark dominion of the cheerless silent grave! "Blessed Hope!" let us clasp it close and close to our hearts and incorporate it with every thought and aspiration of our souls! What is man encircled with all the riches and glories and fame that earth can boast of - if destitute of the hope of an immortal life within the vale? Alas! alas! how many thousands of earths so called great men, are satisfied with the husks of time, Oh the beloved departed one - one whom you are sorrowing for it was his wisdom and happiness that he lived daily a life of faith upon the son of God - who loved him and gave His life a ransom for all that would take hold of his outstretched arm of mercy - May it be our happy lot to meet him, and all our beloved ones who have gone before, on the other side Jordan grief shall never bedim our eyes nor sorrows persuade our hearts! - It was so strange that I was thinking so much, the afternoon your Postal came about dear Emma I thought to tell her if I should be settled more in the dear old Homestead how glad I would be for her to visit me - And a little incident that happened just a few days before I heard the sad news will show the warm affection of my heart for him, now no more! Mary Emma had a small Photograph of D. B. it fell out of a book or album in my room she remarked "Oh! must take good care of it - for it is all she has of him" It was under my cushion for some days - at last I took it up & kissed it and took it down to be safely kept

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I wrote a long letter to dear Judson some 10 days ago which I hope he received I sent a letter from Texas in it in answer to mine. Dear Judson in addition to his sorrow for so valuable brother he will have so much to see to for the afflicted one — I shall not be able to write to Emma or to Mother B. for some time. Do give them my love & deepest sympathy — I was over the church on Lord day Mrs. Anna drove over for a few minutes to the dear old home. They are cordially. They have three students boarding with them — not one of them has left the church the children are looking well. Sons William & Albert expressed much sorrow to hear of Emma's bereavement. N. spoke of W. B. she said he died having left the church — he had joined a club of Purgers to try to convert them and turn them from "infidelity" but they had drawn him into their net. Oh the suffering I have on going to my dear home can not be uttered by tongue. I grieve that I will be left it. I could have had a good home to this day to take my children to — and my dear husband left me plenty to live on — but I was blind I had no worldly wisdom. But pray for strength to bear my sorrows — and it is truly wonderful that I am able to do so. It is God's good gift. I saw Bro Curtis lately he does not know how the Court will decide about the legality of the Assignment as I told you the name was not put into the second line given. Bro C. thinks the longer it is put off selling it will bring more & be better for W<sup>m</sup> & the creditors. It has yielded enough this year to pay the interest that accrues on his indebtedness. But I will write you all I learn as I am informed. We did not have to go to court to answer the last summons. Oh I am truly anxious for you to get the dear home with near less acres — if you can — it will always bring I presume what you will give for it. Oh the trouble about the land has thrown a pall over business & if W. Tilders is elected, the South will recuperate if not it will decline worse & worse. — It is the Negro that keeps the North from going South. I do hope that you may be able to get a few acres with the dear old home.